2014 Orientation Program for Gerontology Students

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Gerontology Program Overview

History

- The MA in GRN at SFSU was established in 1986 and is the first, and thus the oldest, graduate program in Gerontology in the CSU and the UC systems.

- The MA in GRN is administratively housed in the College of Health and Social Sciences (CHSS), working in partnership with the School of Social Work (SSW), and enjoying collaboration with academic units throughout the college, university and with the communities it serves.

- The MA in GRN is an interdisciplinary, professional program in applied gerontology designed for students preparing for a career in the field of aging, or a related human service field, who wish to improve their knowledge and skills.

- The MA in GRN adheres to the standards and guidelines established by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) for professional master's level programs.
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Goals

Course work leading to the MA in GRN is designed to:

- Emphasize the broad, interdisciplinary nature of issues which relate to and influence older adults;

- Provide students with the academic background, professional experience, and research capabilities necessary to pursue advanced study at the doctoral level; and

- Prepare students for professional practice and leadership positions in the public and private sectors where gerontological knowledge is required.
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Introductions

- Gerontology Program Coordinator
  - Brian de Vries, PhD

- Gerontology Faculty (full-time)
  - Brian de Vries, PhD
  - Anabel Pelham, PhD
  - Darlene Yee-Melichar, EdD, CHES
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Introductions

- **Gerontology Faculty (part-time)**
  - Edwin Cabigao, PhD, RN
  - Cristina Flores, PhD, RN
  - Nate Hinerman, PhD
  - James McCabe, DSW
  - Patricia McGinnis, JD

- **Gerontology Staff (part-time)**
  - Mira Pasikov, Academic Office Staff

- **Social Work Faculty and Staff**
  - TBA
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MA in Gerontology - Required Curriculum

Core (11 courses)

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Elective Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor 3 All

Minimum Total 33
Internship Experience

- GRN 838, Gerontology Seminar (3)
- GRN 839, Gerontology Internship (3)

Instruction (Site Selection, Site Placement, Learning Contract, Progress Reports, Final Evaluation)

Fieldwork (Site Visits, Preceptor Supervision, University Supervision)
Research and Culminating Experience

- GRN 760, Gerontology Research (3)
- GRN 890, Culminating Experience (3)

“Students are prepared with tools which allow them to use quantitative and qualitative methods in applied research for solving a variety of practical problems in the community” (SFSU Bulletin).
Elective Curriculum

3 unit course of interest to you
Upper division or graduate course only
Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor
Fall or Spring semester

GRN 897, Gerontology Research is acceptable
Please consult with GRN Faculty Advisor
Fall or Spring semester

RCFE certification – in collaboration with CAL-ARCH
(California Association of Residential Care Homes)
# Faculty Advisement and Two-Year Student Roadmap

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Other SSW Programs

• **MSW Program**
  Eileen Levy, PhD, Associate Professor

• **International Program**
  Joyce Hermoso, PhD, Associate Professor

• **Student Success Program**
  Dina Redman, DSW, Associate Professor
Scholarships

- Long-Term Care Administration Scholarship (SNF)
- Michelle Benjamin Scholarship Fund (ALA)
- Monarch Village Scholarship Fund (ASL)
- Patrick Nobis RCFE Scholarship Fund (ALA)
- Sally Casanova CA Pre-Doctoral Scholarship
- Sixty Plus Scholarship Fund
Student Opportunities

- **Academic Auxiliaries**
  - Health, Mobility and Safety Lab
  - Institute on Gerontology
  - Sixty Plus (lifelong learning)

- **Gerontology library and shared meeting room (HSS 322)**

- **GRN Student Assistants and/or GRN Teaching Assistants**

- **CHSS Student Resource Center (HSS 254)**
Student Organizations

- Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
- American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA)
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Darlene Yee-Melichar
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- Any Comments?
  - Any Questions?
- Thank You

Dr. Brian de Vries