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USC SCHOOL	Leonard Davis School of Gerontology
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Gerontology
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Master of Science in Gerontology
POST CODE	645
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
A brief description of the graduate program.

The Master of Science in Gerontology positions students at the forefront of aging policy and research. Students will build analytical skills while studying the mechanics and mysteries of longevity, aging and population health. The MSG degree provides a strong career foundation for many areas of gerontology, including: planning, administrating, and evaluating programs in the private and public sectors; executive positions in the delivery of direct services to older adults and their families; consulting for older adults and service providers; policy and advocacy work; and scientific research and study. Additionally, this program offers an internship as well as research methods course in the core curriculum.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS
A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Open to all non-GERO majors	

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	NONE		

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS
A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	NONE	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk (*) and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
GERO 510	Physiology of Development and Aging	4
GERO 520	Life Span Developmental Psychology	4
GERO 530	Life Span Developmental Sociology	4
GERO 540	Social Policy and Aging	4
GERO 589	Case Studies in Leadership and Change Management	4
GERO 591	Field Practicum	4
GERO 593	Research Methods	4
GERO Elective	Graduate Degree Elective (selected in consultation with an advisor)	4

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

	TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
	TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

44	**TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE**
12	**TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)**
28	**MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE**

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

This Master of Science in Gerontology curriculum is restricted to non-GERO majors. Students from Human Development and Aging and Lifespan Health majors at USC may apply to the Master of Science in Gerontology for Gerontology Majors Progressive Degree Program.

Students may be approved to take up to 4 units of approved 400-level gerontology elective coursework (ex. Gerontology Study Abroad courses)

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Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean   **Date Approved**

Senior Associate Dean

Authorizing Dean's Title