

USC SCHOOL	Leonard Davis School of Gerontology
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Gerontology
GRADUATE PROGRAM	MA in Senior Living Hospitality
POST CODE	1783
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Master of Arts in Senior Living Hospitality is designed to train current and future senior living executives in managerial functions, nutrition, health, and social engagement within a gerontological framework. Students will focus on the physical, emotional, and social needs of customers 55 years and older. This one-of-a-kind multidisciplinary program equips students with the knowledge and skills needed for a career in this thriving global industry. This program is offered in collaboration with Cornell University, The School of Hotel Administration, and students will have the opportunity to earn a Certificate in Hospitality from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration.

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.

BS in Business Administration	
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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 500	Perspectives on a Changing Society: An Introduction to Aging	4
GERO 501	Applied Legal and Regulatory Issues in Aging	4
GERO 502	Marketing and Shifts in Consumer Decision Making	4
GERO 504	Current Issues in Aging Services Management	4
GERO 552	Human Resources and Aging	4
GERO 589	Case Studies in Leadership and Change Management	4
GERO Electives	Graduate Degree Electives (selected in consultation with an advisor)	8

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

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)

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 Arts in Senior Living Hospitality curriculum for Business Majors is restricted to undergraduate students in Business Administration who meet the Advanced Standing Requirements listed below. Students from other majors at USC may apply to the Master of Arts in Senior Living Hospitality for Non-Business Majors Progressive Degree Program.

Students may be approved to take up to 8 units of approved 400-level gerontology elective coursework (ex. Gerontology Study Abroad courses).

Advanced Standing Requirements:

The advanced standing option is for students who will graduate with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. To be eligible for the advanced standing option, students must successfully complete their bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.00 for the last 60/90 units of undergraduate work. A cumulative 3.5 GPA for all business courses with a grade of B or better is required for admission.

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Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean

4/7/2021

Date Approved

Senior Associate Dean

Authorizing Dean's Title