

## WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY ADD TO YOUR ANTHROPOLOGY DEGREE?

*UNC Charlotte offers an Undergraduate Minor, a Concentration in Gerontology with the Interdisciplinary BA, and Graduate Certificate in Gerontology (with an [Early Entry](#) option)*

### WHAT IS GERONTOLOGY?

Gerontology is the study of longevity. Students of gerontology study not only physiological changes that occur with aging, but also social roles, normative expectations, attitudes and beliefs, stereotypes, and policy, health and economic issues which define the aging experience.

### HOW DOES GERONTOLOGY COMPLEMENT MY ANTHROPOLOGY DEGREE?

Aging of the population is a global challenge being faced in virtually all regions and countries of the world. Anthropologists who study aging are dedicated to the exploration and understanding of aging within and across the diversity of human cultures and subcultures. our perspective is holistic, comparative, and international. An anthropologist who has formal education in aging and older adults will have a greater understanding of the experiences and challenges of this large segment of our population. The understanding is critical to our ability to meet the needs of older adults as well as the families and communities supporting them as they age.

## WHAT UNC CHARLOTTE FACULTY SPECIALIZE IN THIS AREA AND WHAT ARE THEIR RESEARCH INTERESTS?

Dena Shenk, Ph.D., Cultural & environmental context, informal & formal systems of care, person-centered care for people with dementia.

Andrea Freidus, PhD., Applied and medical anthropology, long-term care.

## WHAT ARE SOME CAREER RESOURCES BEYOND UNC Charlotte?

AARP [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

Association for Anthropology and Gerontology (AAGE)

<https://anthropologyandgerontology.com/>

Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education Careers in Aging

<https://www.geron.org/academy-for-gerontology-in-higher-education-aghe>

The Gerontological Society of America Careers in Gerontology

<https://agework.geron.org/>

International Union of Anthropological & Ethnological Sciences Commission on Age and Ageing

<https://www.waunet.org/iaaes/comm/list>

Exploring Careers in Aging

<https://exploringcareersinaging.com/>

Journal of Cross Cultural Gerontology

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/1573-0719/>

Southern Gerontological Society

<https://www.springer.com/journal/10823/>

UNC Institute on Aging

<https://www.med.unc.edu/aging/>

American Society on Aging

<https://www.asaging.org/>

LeadingAge

<https://leadingage.org/>

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