

## WHAT CAN GERONTOLOGY ADD TO YOUR ENGLISH 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 ENGLISH DEGREE?

The English Department offers a BA, Graduate Certificates in Applied Linguistics and Technical Writing, and an MA in English with emphasis in writing, language and literature. The Department offers several courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels that because of their focus on culture as seen in courses on language and literature, serve as electives to the Gerontology program. Older characters abound in Shakespeare, Faulkner, Morrison, Mosley, Dickens and Cormac McCarthy; classes such as Language Health and Aging focus on language analysis; professional writing courses show how to harness technology to target older readers and markets. The English degrees and certificates equip gerontologists with multiple skills.

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

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Linguistics, Alzheimer's discourse and narrative, question-answer interactions in medical and legal contexts.

## WHAT ARE SOME CAREER RESOURCES BEYOND UNC Charlotte?

AARP

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

Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education Careers in Aging

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

Exploring Careers in Aging

<https://exploringcareersinaging.com/>

The Gerontological Society of America Careers in Gerontology

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

Southern Gerontological Society

<https://southerngerontologicalsociety.org/>

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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