



MASTER OF ARTS IN AGING STUDIES

The interdisciplinary M.A. in Aging Studies degree at Eastern Illinois University is a graduate program structured to launch or expand careers in the aging/gerontology field for our students. The Master's degree has been in existence at EIU since 1981 and holds the prestigious National Program of Merit designation awarded by the Association for Gerontology for Higher Education. The program is offered in a flexible and fully online delivery format. Plans of study are individually tailored to meet students' needs. Our Master's degree program prepares professionals for diverse careers in aging/gerontology and retention, graduation, and career placement rates exceed 95%.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Aging Policy in Action
- Communication and Aging
- Educational Response to Third Age Learning
- Health and Aging
- Physical Activity and Aging
- Psychological Processes in the Aged
- Research Methods
- Societal Theories of Aging
- Internship or Independent Study or Thesis
- 6 credit hours of elective courses

Target Audience:

Our program welcomes returning students who are continuing in their professional career development and those who have recently completed an undergraduate degree. Students may enroll full-time or part-time.

Admission Information:

- Applications accepted year-round for enrollment in beginning in fall, spring, or summer semesters.
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- GRE is not required.
- Because the program is interdisciplinary, one particular major is not given preference over another for admission.
- Application materials:
 - www.eiu.edu/ma_agingstudies/applicationprocess.php
 - 1 to 2-page letter of intent
 - Two reference letters
 - Official transcripts

Cost of Program/Textbook Rental:

Estimated cost for the entire degree (including all fees and textbook rental/ mailing) is \$12,500. We are the most affordable Aging Studies/Gerontology graduate program in the state of Illinois. Financial Aid Information:
<http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/loan.php>

Delivery Format/Credit Hours:

All courses are available in an online straightforward delivery format <https://www.eiu.edu/d2l/>. There are no on-campus or residency requirements. The degree includes 27 required credit hours and 6 elective credit hours for a total of 33 credit hours for degree completion.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration:

The M.A. in Aging Studies program is an interdisciplinary collaboration among multiple faculty and academic units at EIU.

- Human Services & Community Leadership
- Communication Studies
- Health Promotion & Leadership Kinesiology & Sports Studies
- Psychology
- Secondary Education & Foundations
- Biological Sciences
- Political Science

The program provides an integrative, research- and theory-based learning experience for students. Throughout the program of study, students will develop a well-rounded, transferrable skill set in preparation for launching or continuing careers in the aging field.

Application for Graduate Assistantship:

<https://www.eiu.edu/graduate/GAapplication/GAappl.php>