The master's program (MA only) is designed to prepare professionals who are either working directly with older people or are involved in education and research related to the elderly. Professionals offering direct services often are involved in health promotion programs; directing intergenerational activities; managing senior centers or retirement communities; counseling older people and their families; and helping people plan for retirement.

**Required:**

- HDFS 7252: Adult Development (3)
- HDFS 7255: Economics, Public Policy, & Aging (3)
- HDFS 7256: Environments and Aging (3)
- HDFS 7257: Aging in the Family (3)
- HDFS 8251: Perspectives in Gerontology (3)
- HDFS 8253: Physical Health in Aging (3)
- HDFS 8254: Gerontology Research Methods and Program Evaluation (3)
- HDFS 8258: Professional Seminar in Gerontology (3)
- HDFS 8090: Research Project (3-6)

**OR**

- HDFS 8972: Internship (3-6)

**Suggested Electives***:

- HDFS 7259: Mental Health & Aging (3)
- HDFS 7260: Women and Aging (3)
- HDFS 7261: Biological Principles of Aging (3)

*Or Any Adviser-Approved Course

**NOTE:** Up to 6 credits can be transferred from other graduate programs if the courses are deemed relevant by your adviser.

**Independent Effort:**

- HDFS 8972: Internship (variable) **OR** HDFS 8999: Exam*

*No course credit is assigned to the exam option.

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