The master’s program (MA only) is designed to prepare professional who are either working directly with older adults or are involved in education and research related to late adulthood. 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.

Core Courses (24 credit hours):

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)

Suggested Electives** (12 credit hours):

HDFS 7259: Mental Health & Aging (3)
HDFS 7260: Women and Aging (3)
HDFS 7261: Biological Principles of Aging (3)
HDFS 8221: Gerontechnology (3)

Independent Effort:

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

*HDFS 8251 should be completed first semester of enrollment
**Or any advisor-approved course
***No course credit is assigned to the exam option. Students typically complete the exam during their final semester of coursework.

NOTE: Up to 6 credits can be transferred from other graduate programs if your advisor deems the courses relevant.