Gerontology

Department Information

- **Program Coordinator:**
  Susan Ray-Degges, Ph.D.
- **Department Phone:**
  (701) 231-7218
- **Application Deadline:**
  Based on first major requirements.
- **Credential Offered:**
  Ph.D. Dual Major
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
  Based on first major requirements.

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) dual-major option in Gerontology at North Dakota State University provides unique opportunities to study and conduct research in this growing and exciting field by linking a discipline based Plan of Study with an interdisciplinary perspective on aging. Depending on your specific area of interest, students will combine academic coursework in a primary major (Developmental Science, Exercise Science and Nutrition, Occupational and Adult Education, or Psychology) with a secondary dual-major in Gerontology. The mission of the option is to promote aging-related research and education at NDSU that uses a discipline based perspective that serves to enhance the length and quality of life.

**Admission Requirements**

Based on first major requirements.

In addition to meeting the requirements for the first major, the following Gerontology requirements must be completed.

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**Other Requirements:**

- Dissertation on a Gerontology-related topic.
- Committee chair from the home department.
- At least two committee members from the approved Gerontology faculty list, one who must be from the home program area.

**Susan Ray-Degges, Ph.D., Program Coordinator**
School of Design, Architecture and Art

**Sherri Stastny, Ph.D.**
Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science

**Elizabeth Gilblom, Ph.D.**
School of Education

**Melissa O’Connor, Ph.D.**
Human Development and Family Science

**Heather Fuller, Ph.D.**
Human Development and Family Science