Degree Benefits
The field of gerontology, the study of aging, is expanding as the number of older American continues to increase, fast outpacing other segments of the population. Between 2000 and 2030, the older population (people age 65 and older) — in the United States will more than double, from 35 million to 71.5 million, with the oldest of the older population – people over age 85 – the fastest growing segment. Our society is facing crucial issues about aging that impact the health and welfare of every single American. Implications for academic study and training in gerontology are enormous. The study of aging will be of critical importance during the next century as the “baby boomers” pass into the ranks of the older generations.

Job Options
Variety is the best word to describe jobs in gerontology. The bachelor’s degree in gerontology prepares students to pursue graduate education in gerontology or a related discipline or to work with older people in settings including long-term care facilities; retirement communities; senior housing; federal, state and local government offices on aging; home health care agencies; senior centers; adult day services; adult protective service agencies; business and industry; leisure programs; and health promotion programs.

Program Objectives
B.S. in Gerontology – The primary objective of this program is to increase the number and competency of individuals working with older adults, their families and their communities. The bachelor’s degree is a career-oriented course of study that can accommodate both full- and part-time students, students with or without professional experience, and incoming freshmen and transfer students. 120 semester credits are required for the degree, including 42 credits of gerontology coursework. Students complete 9-15 credits of internship work in an agency or facility serving older adults.

Aging Specialist
The Aging Specialist Certificate is designed both for people currently working with older adults who would like more formal training in gerontology and for undergraduate students majoring in other areas (social work, nursing, communication disorders, psychology, sociology, athletic training, business, etc.) who are interested in an in-depth study of aging. The 18-credit Aging Specialist Certificate includes a 3-credit practicum experience.

One-of-a-Kind Opportunities for Students
Gerontology students at California University have a wide variety of opportunities to become involved in working with older adults. The Center in the Woods, an innovative, multipurpose agency serving older adults, is located close to campus. The center’s services include senior housing and supportive services, adult day services, health services, and educational, social and exercise programs for older adults. Gerontology students regularly volunteer at the center and participate in center activities. A shuttle operates between the campus and the center to provide access for students without transportation.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
GERONTOLOGY—120 CREDITS
The following eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years. To ensure that they are making satisfactory academic progress, students should consult with their faculty adviser, ensure that they complete necessary prerequisites and required courses in sequence, and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester.
## GERONTOLOGY

### Freshman Year

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| First Semester  | 15      | ENG 101 English Composition I ......................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | GTY 100 Intro to Gerontology ................................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | UNI 100 First Year Seminar ..................................................................1 crs.  
|                 |         | General Education Courses .....................................................................8 crs.  |

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| Third Semester  | 15      | MAT 215 Statistics or PSY 220 ..........................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | GTY 300 Aging Policies and Services ..................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | General Education Courses .....................................................................9 crs.  |

### Junior Year

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| Fifth Semester  | 15      | GTY 340 Diversity in Aging ..................................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | GTY 350 Ethical Issues in Aging .......................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | Related Elective ....................................................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | General Education or Elective Courses ..............................................9 crs.  |

### Senior Year

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| Seventh Semester| 15      | GTY 410 Research Methods in Gerontology ..........................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | GTY 400 Adult Development & Aging ....................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | GTY 380 Wellness and Aging ..................................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | 300- or 400-level Related Electives .................................................6 crs.  |

### Eighth Semester

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| Eighth Semester | 15      | GTY 430 Seminar in Gerontology .......................................................3 crs.  
|                 |         | GTY 440 Internship ..............................................................................6-12 crs.  
|                 |         | Related electives ..................................................................................0 crs.  |

### Program Contact Information

Contact the Department of Health Science by phone at 724-938-4562.

### Department Website

www.calu.edu/academics/programs/gerontology/index.htm

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- Cal U's upper campus includes the Vulcan Village apartments, athletic facilities at Roadman Park, and space for student meetings and outdoor recreation at SAI Farm.
- Cal U Global Online is the University's virtual campus, offering degree and certificate programs 100% online.

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