

## Transmittal Memo

Date: February 20, 2009

To: Joanne Arhar, Ph.D., Associate Dean  
Student Services and Undergraduate Education

From: Mary Dellmann-Jenkins, Ph.D., Director  
School of Family & Consumer Studies

Re: Revise the BS in HDFS GERO curriculum

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### **Summary statement describing the proposed action:**

The intent of this proposal is to revise the Bachelor of Science Human Development and Family Studies major, Gerontology curriculum to strengthen our core requirements and to reflect current staffing resources.

**GERO 30656** *Psychology of Aging* will be removed as a Major Elective choice and added as a Core Requirement.

**HDFS 44031** *Intergenerational Family Caregiving* will be removed as a Core Requirement and added to the Major Elective choices.

### **Listing of all curricular/consultative bodies that have approved this action:**

- Human Development & Family Studies/Gerontology program area faculty
- FCS Curricular Committee
- FCS FAC

## Proposal Summary

**Title:** A proposal to revise the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Gerontology (HDFS-BS-GERO).

**Subject Specification:** This proposal is intended to strengthen the core requirements of the Gerontology curriculum and to reflect the current departmental staffing resources.

**Background Information:**

GERO 30656 Psychology of Aging is currently being offered as a Major Elective choice. It is proposed to make this course a Core Requirement.

HDFS 44031 Intergenerational Family Caregiving which is currently a Core Requirement will be moved to the Major Elective section. While this course is beneficial, there currently is not staff available to offer it on a regular basis.

**Alternatives and Consequences:**

Curriculum will not include core discipline and consequently, students' foundation of knowledge will be compromised.

**Specific Recommendation and Justification:**

GERO 30656 Psychology of Aging will be removed as a Major Elective choice and added as a Core Requirement. The specific old age focus on mental health and other geropsychological issues (e.g., cognitive and self-regulative changes) in this course will enhance the curriculum for the gerontology major.

HDFS 44031 Intergenerational Family Caregiving will be removed as a Core Requirement and added to the Major Elective choices. Currently staffing resources do not allow HDFS to offer this course; therefore, it cannot be required of the students. Placing it as an elective, allows for future opportunities if staffing becomes available.

**Timetable and Actions Required:** Approved by Human Development & Family Studies program area on January 23, 2009; FCS Curriculum Committee on January 30, 2009; FCS FAC on February 2, 2009. Proposal to be presented at EHHS Undergraduate and Graduate Councils on February 20, 2009. If approved, changes would be effective Spring 2010

# KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date 26-Jan-09 Curriculum Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date Spring 2010 Approved by EPC \_\_\_\_\_

Department Family and Consumer Studies  
College EH - Education, Health and Human Services  
Degree BS - Bachelor of Science  
Program Name Human Development & Family Studies Program Code HDFS  
Concentration(s) Gerontology Concentration(s) Code(s) GERO  
Proposal Revise Program

Description of proposal:

Revise the HDFS GERO curriculum to strengthen the core foundation of the curriculum and to reflect departmental staffing availability.

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours?  Yes  No

Current total credit hours: 121 Proposed total credit hours 121

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., encroachment and duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):

None

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

None

## REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

H. Dellmann - Jenkins  
Department Chair / School Director / Campus Dean

02/09/2009

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College Dean

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Executive Dean of Regional Campuses / Dean of Graduate Studies

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Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Min. Grade	Important Notes
<b>Semester One [13 Credit Hours]</b>				
ENG 11011 College Writing	3			Fulfills Composition LER requirement
GERO 14029 Intro to Gerontology	3			CANNOT be used to fulfill LER requirement for Gerontology majors
SOC 12050 Intro to Sociology	3			Fulfills Social Sciences LER requirement Fulfills Domestic Issues requirement
US 10097 First Year Experience-Flash Point	1			
LER, Humanities/Fine Arts	3			Should fulfill global diversity requirement; visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog">www.kent.edu/catalog</a> and search "LER" and "diversity" for course lists
<b>Semester Two: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
HDFS 24011 Interpersonal Relationships & Families	3			
NUTR 23511 Science of Human Nutrition	3			Fulfills Basic Sciences LER requirement
PSYC 11762 General Psychology	3			Fulfills Social Sciences LER requirement
LER, Humanities/Arts & Sciences LER	3			Visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog">www.kent.edu/catalog</a> and search "LER" for course lists
LER, Math & Critical Reasoning	3			Visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog">www.kent.edu/catalog</a> and search "LER" for course lists
<b>Semester Three: [17 Credit Hours]</b>				
BSCI 20020 Biological Structure & Function	5			Fulfills Basic Sciences Lab requirement
ENG 21001 College Writing II	3			Fulfills Composition LER requirement
PSYC 21211 Psychology of Adjustment	3			Fulfills Additional LER requirement
General Elective	3			
LER, Humanities	3			Visit <a href="http://www.kent.edu/catalog">www.kent.edu/catalog</a> and search "LER" for course lists
<b>Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
ECON 22060 Principles of Microeconomics	3			Fulfills Additional LER requirement
ENG 20002 Intro to Technical Writing	3			
SOC 42879 Aging in Society	3	■		
General Elective	3			
Major Elective	3			
<b>Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
GERO 44030 Adult Development & Aging	3	■	C	Fulfills writing-intensive requirement
PHIL 40005 Health Care Ethics	3	■		
General Elective	3			
Major Elective	6			

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Min. Grade	Important Notes
<b>Semester Six: [14-17 Credit Hours]</b>				
HDFS 34031 Cultural Diversity	3	■		
GERO 30656 Psychology of Aging	3	■		
HDFS 44031 Intergenerational Family Caregiving	2			
SOC 42563 Soc of Health & Health Care	3	■		
General Elective	3-6			
Major Elective	3 2			
<b>Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]</b>				
BSCI 40020 Biology of Aging	3	■		
GERO 44031 Social Policy & Community Resources	3	■		
General Elective	6			
Major Elective	3	■		encourage upper division
<b>Semester Eight: [14-20 Credit Hours]</b>				
GERO 44019 Intergenerational Experience	3	■		Fulfills practicum requirement
GERO 44092 Practicum in Gerontology	3-10	■		Fulfills practicum requirement
NUTR 43521 Food: Dietary Modification	2	■		Offered spring semester only
SPA 44130 Communication Disorders in Aging	2	■		Offered spring semester only
General Elective	3			
Major Elective	3	■		encourage upper division

### Graduation Requirements Summary

Total Hours	Upper-Division Hours	Liberal Education Requirements Hours	Diversity Course Global / Domestic	Writing-Intensive	Minimum	
					Major GPA	Overall GPA
121	40	38	1 <sup>st</sup> semester/SOC 12050	GERO 44030	2.25	2.0

### Special Notes for Degree/Major:

A minimum 2.25 GPA or better is required in all major coursework.

### Liberal Education Requirements (LER)

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of Liberal Education Requirements. Colleges or degree programs may specify certain courses to fulfill the requirements. Courses in the students' major field will not count toward the completion of any LER. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the LER. None of the courses on the LER list may be taken with a pass/fail grade.

### Diversity Course Requirement

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic focus and one with a global focus. One course must be come from the LER and cannot be in the student's major. The second course may be taken as a second LER; or within a major or minor; or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country.

### Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.00) grade.

### Upper-Division Requirement

In general, baccalaureate programs require the successful completion of at least 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Catalog Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Banner ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Note:* This requirement sheet will become void unless 12 hours of credit at Kent State University have been earned in a two-year period.  
Preserve this sheet. It is your only assured official statement of degree requirements.

**General Course Work (42 hours)**

US 10097	First Year Experience	FLASH Point.....	1
ENG 11011	College Writing I	.....	3
ENG 21011	College Writing II	.....	3

<b>Basic Sciences</b>			
BSCI 20020	Biological Structure & Function	.....	5
NUTR 23511	Science of Human Nutrition	.....	3

**Mathematics & Critical Reasoning**  
Choose ONE from LER Mathematics & Critical Reasoning  
..... 3

**Humanities and Fine Arts**  
Select three from LER Humanities & Fine Arts. One must be from Arts & Sciences and one must be a fine arts course.  
(See Reverse)  
(A&S) ..... 3  
..... 3

**Social Sciences**  
PSYC 11762 General Psychology ..... 3  
SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology ..... 3

Choose ONE from LER Fine Arts ..... 3

**Additional**  
PSYC 21211 Psychology of Adjustment ..... 3  
ECON 22060 Principles of Microeconomics ..... 3

**English Requirement**  
ENG 20002 Intro to Technical Writing ..... 3

Diversity requirements met?  Global  Domestic

**Major Course Work (54-58 Hours) A minimum 2.25 GPA or better is required in all major coursework**

**Core Course Work (21 hours)**

BSCI 40020	Biological of Aging(BSCI20020/waive CHEM)	3
GERO 14029	Intro. to Gerontology	3
GERO 30656	Psychology of Aging	3
GERO 44030	Adult Development & Aging	3

GERO 44031	Social Policy/Comm Resources (44030)	3
HDFS 34031	Cultural Diversity	3
SOC 42879	Aging in Society	3

**Interdisciplinary Course Work (13 hours)**

HDFS 24011	Interpers Relationship & Families	3
NUTR 43521	Food: Dietary Modification	2
PHIL 40005	Health Care Ethics	3

SOC 42563	Sociology of Health & Health Care	3
SP&A 44130	Comm Disorders of the Aging	2

**Major Electives (14 hours) Choose 14 hours**

GERO 41095	Special Topics in Gerontology	(1-3)
HDFS 44021	Family Intervention	(3)
HDFS 44023	Building Family Strengths	(3)
HDFS 44031	Intergenerational Family Caregiving	(2)
HDFS 44032	Non-Profit Fund/Grant Writing	(3)
HED 42041	Health Counseling	(3)

IHS 44010	Research Des Stat. Meth. Health	(3)
JMC 28001	Principles of Public Relations	(3)
M&IS 24053	Intro to Computer Applications	(3)
PSYC 21621	Quantitative Methods in Psyc	(3)
RPTM 36010	Rec, Leisure, & Aging (waive prereq)	(3)
SOC 42010	Death and Dying	(3)

**Practicum Requirements (6-10 hours) NOT required for Nursing Home Administration Option**

HDFS 44019	Intergenerational Experience	3
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GERO 44092	Practicum in Gerontology	3-10
PEP 40612	Exercise Leadership Older Adults	3

**General Electives (21-25) hour—21 with 10 hours in Practicum or 25 with 6 hours in Practicum.**

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I have reviewed the requirement sheet and professional requirements with an advisor and assume responsibility for remaining informed and completing my program.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Completed	_____
Hours Needed:	
General Coursework	_____
Core Coursework	_____
Interdis.Coursework	_____
Major Electives	_____
Other Requirements	_____
General Electives	_____
Optional Area	_____
Total for Degree	_____