POPULATION HEALTH AND AGING, CAS

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This graduate certificate of advanced study (CAS) provides matriculated graduate students with systematic, focused training in the area of population health and aging. The program will expose students to the key theoretical orientations and cutting-edge methodological training that lies at the nexus of medical sociology, social gerontology, and demography. Students must complete 15 credits, of which three are required – SOC 667: Population Processes; SOC 655: Sociology of Health and Illness; SOC 664: Aging and Society. Students may select six credits of health and/or aging electives, three of which must be a SOC graduate-level course.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Understand key theoretical orientations in population health and aging
2. Apply standard and cutting-edge methodological and statistical techniques
3. Develop an interdisciplinary orientation that draws on medical sociology, social gerontology, and demography
4. Articulate the ways that social processes, places, and policies shape population health and aging
5. Obtain professional socialization in preparation for academic, governmental, private-sector, and non-profit positions

Requirements

Students must complete 9 graduate level credits in the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Requirements		
SOC 667	Population Processes	3
SOC 655	Sociology of Health and Illness	3
Select one of the following:		3
SOC 664	Aging and Society	
SWK 657	Processes of Aging (with permission)	
Electives		
Students must complete 6 credits of graduate level courses in health and/or aging. At least 3 credits must be from a SOC course. Students may petition to use 3 credits from other health and/or aging courses.		6
SOC 600	Selected Topics	
SOC 643	Aging in the Context of Family Life	
SOC 800	Selected Topics	
BIO 616	Biology of Aging	
LAW 777	Elder Law	
PAI 730	Problems in Public Administration	