

OBJECTIVES/COMPETENCIES

Course Objectives	Competencies
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide students with an accurate understanding of the important theories relating to senior development. 2. To be able to understand the neurological changes that occur as part of the natural aging process. 3. To be able to examine the physical changes in human beings as they mature into the senior years. 4. To examine the social, employment/retirement, living options, and leisure activities of senior citizens. 5. To examine issues around dying and bereavement. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will be able to articulate and understand basic research methodologies in order to fully comprehend current research into gerontology. 2. Students will be able to compare and contrast old and new ideas about the aging process. 3. Students will demonstrate via their writings and discussions critical thinking when interpreting research findings. 1. Students will examine what changes in the brains and senses of senior citizens. 2. Students will be able to articulate the problems that may occur in the aging brain. 1. Students will be able to describe the natural changes that the body goes through in the natural aging process. 2. Students will be able to relate how people may attempt to slow down the aging process by healthful living. 1. Students will be able to delineate the various options open to seniors' socialization and leisure time activities. 2. Students will explore and delineate the many options open to senior citizens be it continuing in employment, participating in a "Boomerang" career, or living a purposeful retirement. 3. Students will be able to share the various options in living arrangements afforded senior citizens. 1. Students will be able to come to an understanding of how seniors may die with dignity. 2. Studets will be able to understand and help seniors cope with bereavement.