

# MASTER OF ARTS IN AGING STUDIES

ONLINE



The interdisciplinary MA in Aging Studies program at Eastern Illinois University is an approximately five semester graduate program structured to facilitate maximum support for our graduate students. The Master's degree has been in existence at EIU for over thirty years and holds the prestigious National Program of Merit status. In response to the needs of working professionals, the Master's program has moved to a flexible online delivery format. Our interdisciplinary Master's degree program prepares professionals for entering or continuing diverse careers in the field of aging.

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Our program welcomes returning students, as well as those just completing their undergraduate degree.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum GPA is 2.75
- GRE is not required
- Online application to the Graduate School [http://www.eiu.edu/ma\\_agingstudies/applicationprocess.php](http://www.eiu.edu/ma_agingstudies/applicationprocess.php)
- 1-2 page essay (see website for questions)
- Two letters of recommendation. (See website for details.)

## COST:

Estimated cost for the entire 33 credit hour program (including all fees and books) is \$12,500 for the program.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

After applicants are accepted to the program, they will have access to the registration system at the university.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Courses are offered in a rotation in Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.

## DELIVERY MODE:

All courses are online. For interested students, a limited number of courses are offered in a face-to-face classroom on EIU's main campus.

## LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Online plus optional courses in Charleston, Illinois.

## TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Students at Eastern Illinois University use a convenient textbook rental service for all of their books. Students pay a flat fee each semester for their books and textbook rental service will mail students their books.

## TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Any transfer hours awarded will be negotiated on an individual basis with the assistance of the Graduate School and the Aging Studies MA Coordinator.

## TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

33

## FINANCIAL AID INFO:

<http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/loan.php>

## SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

An interdisciplinary collaboration among multiple academic units, including Family and Consumer Sciences (the program's administrative base), Communication Studies, Health Studies, Kinesiology and Sports Studies, Psychology, and Secondary Education and Foundations. Anchored by a common mission, the program provides an integrative, research- and theory-based learning experience for students, who will develop a well-rounded, transferrable skills set in preparation for launching or continuing careers in the field of aging.

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## WEBSITE:

[http://www.eiu.edu/  
ma\\_agingstudies/](http://www.eiu.edu/ma_agingstudies/)

## REQUIRED COURSES:

CMN 5155	Communication in Aging
EDF 5590	Educational Response to Third Age Learning
FCS 5100	Societal Theories of Aging
FCS 5400	Aging Policy in Action
FCS 5900	Research Methods
HST 4890	Health and Aging
KSS 5225	Physical Activity and Aging
PSY 5540	Psychological Processes of the Aged

### Elective courses:

Students select six credit hours from elective courses in one or more of the following academic units: Biological Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Studies, Political Science, or Sociology.

For the final capstone, students register for: Independent study, thesis, or internship.