

Why choose Southampton?

Great reputation

The University of Southampton is one of the UK's top research universities with a global reputation for cutting-edge innovation and enterprise.

Research and teaching excellence

Gerontology, along with Demography, Sociology and Social Policy, was ranked third in the UK in the Social Policy and Administration unit of assessment in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise.

In 2012 the Vice-Chancellor's Award was awarded to the Gerontology Programme Team in recognition of our outstanding contribution to the University.

Distance learning programmes

We offer the following programmes through distance learning:

- Postgraduate Diploma/MSc Gerontology
- Postgraduate Certificate in Gerontology
- Short courses in Gerontology
- Short courses in Quantitative/Qualitative Research Methods

Southampton based programmes

We offer the following programmes in Southampton:

- MPhil/PhD in Gerontology
- Postgraduate Diploma/MSc Gerontology
- Postgraduate Diploma/MSc Gerontology (Research)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Gerontology
- Short courses in Gerontology

Supportive environment

As a postgraduate student, you will receive support and guidance from our academic staff for the taught element of the programme and high-quality individual supervision for your MSc Dissertation. Please see our website for the minimum technical requirements in order to follow the distance learning programme.

Funding opportunities

We offer bursaries that cover part of the cost of tuition fees to Home/EU and international students, and Commonwealth Scholarships that cover the cost of tuition fees and travelling to Southampton for the residential course to students from Commonwealth countries. ESRC Doctoral Training Centre 1+3 scholarships provide funding to study the MSc followed by a PhD: www.soton.ac.uk/research/dtc/esrcdtdc.html Please contact us for further information.

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by distance learning

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Gerontology is the study of ageing at the level of individuals and societies.

It examines the changes individuals undergo as they age, as well as the impact of growing proportions of older people on social institutions, labour markets, welfare systems and families.

Gerontology investigates the relationships between generations and the interconnections between our older and younger selves. Ageing is a dynamic field of study which requires combining insights from social policy, demography, sociology, biology, health care sciences, psychology and economics. Gerontology is thus a fundamentally interdisciplinary subject which leads on to a fascinating variety of careers.

“The distance learning programme is excellent and should be showcased. The feedback given to the students is also exemplary.”

External Examiner’s Report, 2012

Distance learning provides you with a flexible career development route.

The distance learning programmes in gerontology are designed for those who wish to combine high-quality academic study in the field of gerontology with other obligations, such as paid work and/or family care.

They will provide you with an understanding of key issues relating to population ageing in the developed and the developing world, as well as policy responses that are aimed at improving the welfare of older people.

“It is a distance learning programme, but you don’t feel at a distance.”

Distance learning MSc student 2011-12

“It’s good to have a course that’s well devised, really well put together, that I can do in my own time. I have everything I need, and I can just email tutors and get support quite quickly.”

Distance learning MSc student 2011-12

Programme structure:

The distance learning **MSc Gerontology** is awarded following the successful completion of six modules **plus** a 15,000-word dissertation, submitted at the end of the summer.

Semester 1 & Semester 2

Compulsory modules

- Ageing, health and well-being
- Demographic change, ageing and globalisation
- Perspectives in Gerontology
- Qualitative research methods
- Quantitative research methods

Optional modules

- Ageing, diversity and rights
- Poverty and social protection around the world
- Researching contemporary issues in ageing societies

The distance learning **Postgraduate Certificate in Gerontology** is awarded following the successful completion of the module ‘Perspectives in Gerontology’ and two more optional modules from the following:

- Ageing, diversity and rights
- Ageing, health and well-being
- Demographic change, ageing and globalisation
- Poverty and social protection around the world
- Researching contemporary issues in ageing societies

The programmes can be studied full-time over one year, or part-time over two and a half years. In addition, all of the modules can be followed as short courses lasting 12 weeks, and you can study these in a flexible manner.

The programme makes use of online resources, such as lecture recordings, electronic readings and electronic modes of communication.

An optional four-day residential course on conducting research is offered at the University of Southampton each year. The aim of the course is to enhance your research skills, and deepen your knowledge in the areas of poverty and health inequality over the life course.

To find out more about the programme, entry requirements, fees, or the application process, visit our website:

www.southampton.ac.uk/ageing