



**MASTER OF
SCIENCE IN
SOCIAL SCIENCE
CONCENTRATION IN A
SENIOR ADULTS**



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The Master of Social Science prepares students to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to work with the geriatric population and improve their quality of life.

Students will gain knowledge of senior health and wellness, health care, occupational therapy, social work, and the psychology of aging.

The curriculum is logically organized, beginning with general courses that lay the foundation for social science understanding and research, and then focusing on specializations in gerontology, social work, and occupational therapy.

Students will learn through theoretical courses, practices and applied research work, the necessary skills to work with older people and improve their quality of life.


They will address issues related to the role of the social worker in the care of the elderly, the identification of needs and the promotion of resources for care. Topics such as ethics in social work with the elderly, effective communication with the elderly and their families, and care service planning will also be covered.



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PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Graduates of the Master of Social Science will be able to:

1. Train professionals with a deep understanding of the specific needs and challenges faced by older people.
 2. Develop students' skills for the design, implementation, and evaluation of geriatric care programs and research projects in gerontology, social work, and occupational therapy.
 3. Prepare students for interdisciplinary teamwork and foster an understanding of complementary perspectives and collaboration among specialists in gerontology, social work, and occupational therapy.
 4. Develop advanced skills in social work and occupational therapy to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life of the population with special needs.
 5. Promote a critical understanding of the ethical and cultural issues related to gerontology, social work, and occupational therapy.
 6. 6. Encourage curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity in the development of innovative solutions to improve the quality of life of people with special needs.
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PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

CORE COURSES (24 credits)

Course	Course Title	Credit hours
SST 500	Strategic Studies Techniques	3
SSC 520	Epistemology of the Social Sciences	3
SSC 540	Social Sciences Research Methodology	3
STA 560	Statistics Applied to the Social Sciences	3
ETH 600	Seminar on Ethics and Professional Practice	3
PSY 610	Social Studies Seminar	3
SOW 620	Social Work Seminar	3
OTH 640	Occupational Therapy Seminar	3

CONCENTRATION (12 credits)

Senior Adults

GER 660	Research methods in Older Adults	3
GER 670	Evaluation and Diagnosis of Older Adults	3
GER 680	Psychosocial Intervention for Older Adults	3
GER 690	Palliative Care in Older Adults	3



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