Women and Aging

In this course we will focus on issues and research concerning middle aged and aging women in our society. Issues that will be studied include: biological changes and health concerns associated with aging, relationships with friends, relationships with family, sexuality, transitions women face, women's work, retirement, women's pensions, and images of older women.

Required Readings


A reprint package which will be made available at cost

Assignments

Take Home exam. There will be a take home mid term and final essay exam. The mid term will consist of answering two out of three questions and the final three out of five questions. Each answer should be 3-5 pages long. The mid term will count for 15% of the final mark and the final for 25% of the final mark.

Major Paper. The major paper will consist of a review and integration of the psychological literature in an area related to women and aging. Students will be expected to discuss their paper topic with the professor before beginning their research. The paper should be between 20 and 30 pages long. The paper will be due at the end of the term and will count for 40% of the final mark.

Class Participation. Attendance and general participation will be expected. During the first part of the term students will be assigned two or three short oral presentations over the readings. Class participation will count for 20% of the final mark.

Prerequisites
Psychology 201, 210, 357, and 90 credit hours or permission of the instructor.