

The MA Program In Gerontology

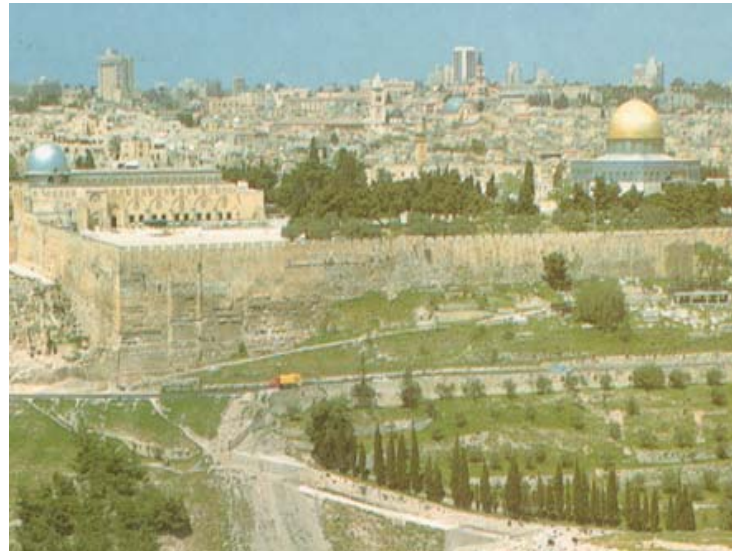
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The MA Program In Gerontology Ben-Gurion University

The program consists of three subprograms:

- A Research program**
- A Clinical program**
- An Organizational - managerial program**

Curriculum

Three course modules:

- **Basic courses - for students in all three tracks**
- **Program-specific courses**
- **Elective courses**



Basic courses

A module of 9 mandatory courses for students in all three tracks (18 credits):

- **Socio-cultural aspect of aging**
- **Psychology of aging**
- **Pathophysiology of aging**
- **Social policy in aging**
- **Biology of aging**
- **Epidemiology of aging**
- **Advanced statistics and methodology**
- **Computer skills**
- **Network of services for the aged**

Basic courses

- **Field work –only for the clinical and organizational-managerial programs**
- **Research seminar**
- **Practical experience seminar**
- **Master's thesis - required in the research program and optional in the others**

Program specific courses

- **Three clusters of courses (one for each program)**
- **Some of the courses are mandatory and others can be selected from the 9-10 courses offered by the program (at least 12 credits)**

Program specific courses

Clinical program:

Focuses on developing skills for case management

- Case management*
- Evaluation and diagnosis of level of functioning*
- Psychogeriatrics
- Rehabilitation in geriatrics
- Stress and coping
- Dementia and other mental problems
- Support systems in the community
- Family support and intergenerational relations*
- Legal aspects of aging

*=mandatory

Program specific courses

Organizational-managerial:

- Theories of organizations
- Economics*
- Management of institutions & services*
- Financial planning and management*
- Organizational development
- Management of personnel
- Quality assurance

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Program specific courses

Research program:

Designed according to the student's special interest

- **Advanced research methods***
(qualitative, quantitative, clinical experiments)
- **Geriatrics and pharmacology**
- **Cognition and aging**
- **Neuropsychology of aging**

***=mandatory**

Elective courses

- **Inter-program courses: 16 courses available**
- **Program-specific courses offered by other programs**
- **University courses: Students may substitute MA level courses taught at the University for up to two of the elective courses**

Elective courses

- **Nutrition and health in aging**
- **Retirement**
- **Work and leisure in aging**
- **Death, dying and bereavement**
- **Holocaust survivors and aging**
- **Health promotion and health education**
- **Physical exercise in old age**

Students

The target population are graduates in:

- **Medical professions (physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, nutritionists etc.)**
- **Social sciences (behavioral sciences)**
- **Management & administration**
- **Admission criteria: A BA degree from a recognized university, with a grade average of at least 80 (on a 100-point scale)**

Demand and admission

- Each year we select about 40 students out of 100-120 applicants
- By the end of this academic year, approximately 100 students will complete their studies
- The reputation of the program is high and the demand is constant.

Thank You

