

**Sample Course of Study for Full-Time 12-Month & 16-Month Advanced Standing Programs –  
 COSA: COSA-Gerontology Certificate  
 (16-Month Advanced Standing Course Sequence Simply Swaps Fall Term for Summer Term)  
 (Advanced Standing Credits Awarded: 21 Credits - 6 Practicum Credits & 15 Class Credits)**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Subject/Course</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Fall	SWCOSA 2084	Human Service Organization Management	3
Fall	SWCOSA 2088	Community Organizing and Planning	3
Fall	SWBEH 2008	2nd-level Human Behavior: Urban Environment	3
Fall	SWCOSA 2099	COSA Specialization Practicum	<u>6</u>
			15
Spring	SWBEH 2077	Human Behavior: Adult Development & Aging <sup>1</sup>	3
Spring	SWWEL 2039	2nd-level Social Welfare: Social Policy & Gerontology <sup>2</sup>	3
Spring	SWCOSA	COSA Skill Elective ( <a href="#">see Note</a> )	3
Spring	SWCOSA 2099	COSA Specialization Practicum	<u>6</u>
			15
Summer	SWRES 2041	COSA Advanced Applied Research	3
Summer	SWCOSA	COSA Skill Elective ( <a href="#">see Note</a> )	3
Summer	Elective	Elective ( <a href="#">see Note</a> )	<u>3</u>
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<sup>1</sup> Serves as an Elective course

<sup>2</sup> Fulfills the 2nd-level Social Welfare requirement in lieu of SWWEL 2087

## NOTE:

### Other COSA-Gerontology Certificate Requirements

Students must complete two gerontology-related electives:

- One of the two gerontology-related electives **must** be a COSA skill elective course (SWCOSA) where the student completes a project or assignment with a gerontology focus.
- The other gerontology-related elective can be:
  - Another COSA skill elective (SWCOSA) in which the student completes a project or assignment with a gerontology focus;
  - A gerontology elective course offered as part of the [University Certificate in Gerontology](#), a certificate administered by the University Center for Social & Urban Research (UCSUR). Offerings may vary and include courses from various schools/departments in the University. Students selecting this option would use these three credits to fulfill an elective requirement for the MSW. [Please see the website for current options UCSUR \(@PittCSUR\) - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology.](#)
  - A course relevant to practice in aging that is not part of the UCSUR-administered gerontology certificate may be taken if approved by the Certificate Chairperson in advance.

For the two gerontology-related electives, [students will submit to the Gerontology Certificate Chairperson a form with information about the assignment and topic.](#)