

**Course of Study for Part-Time Advanced Standing Program –**  
**COSA: COSA-Gerontology Certificate**  
**(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 Orgnz Mgt ( <i>Specialization</i> )	3
Fall	Elective	Elective ( <a href="#">see Note</a> )	<u>3</u>
			6
Spring	SWCOSA 2088	Community Organizing ( <i>Specialization</i> )	3
Spring	SWBEH 2008	HB: Urban Environment ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Level HB</i> )	3
Spring	SWWEL 2039	Social Policy & Gerontology <sup>1</sup> ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Level Social Welfare</i> )	<u>3</u>
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Summer	SWRES 2041	COSA Advanced Applied Research ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Level Research</i> )	3
Summer	SWCOSA 2040/ SWCOSA 2090	Grant Proposal ( <i>Sp. Skill Elective; see Note</i> ) <b>OR</b> Group/Intergrp Relations ( <i>Sp. Skill Elective; see Note</i> )	<u>3</u>
			6
Fall	SWCOSA 2086/ SWCOSA 2096	Hum Res.,Suprvsn, Fincl ( <i>Sp. Skill Elective</i> ) <b>OR</b> Comm Planning/Dev ( <i>Sp. Skill Elective; see Note</i> )	3
Fall	SWCOSA 2099	COSA Practicum	<u>3</u>
			6
Spring	SWBEH 2077	HB: Adult Development & Aging <sup>2</sup> ( <i>Elective</i> )	3
Spring	SWCOSA 2099	COSA Practicum	<u>3</u>
			6
Summer	SWCOSA 2099	COSA Practicum	<u>6</u>
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<sup>1</sup> Fulfills the 2<sup>nd</sup>-level Social Welfare requirement in lieu of SWWEL 2087

<sup>2</sup> Serves as an Elective course

**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.](#)

## COSA Gerontology Elective Form

**For each course you are taking to serve as gerontology-related elective, you must complete this form and submit it to the Gerontology Certificate Chairperson. For School of Social Work Courses (you must take one of these), provide information about the assignment related to aging. These courses include:**

- SWCOSA 2040      Grant Proposal Writing
- SWCOSA 2090      Working w/ Group & Intergroup Relations
- SWCOSA 2096      Community Planning and Development

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Advisor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course (check the specific course)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ SWCOSA 2040      Grant Proposal Writing
- \_\_\_\_\_ SWCOSA 2090      Working w/ Group & Intergroup Relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ SWCOSA 2096      Community Planning and Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Course outside SSW (list) \_\_\_\_\_

**For SSW courses, briefly describe the specific assignment and how your specific topical focus will be on some aspect of gerontology.**

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**Submit to Rafael J. Engel via email, [rengel@pitt.edu](mailto:rengel@pitt.edu)**