Office Hours:

Tuesday Thursday 12:15-1:30pm
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
Other times by appointment

Texts: Available at University Bookstore on King Street


Pipher, Mary Another Country Riverhead Trade: NY :NY, 2000

Roizen, Michael Real Age The Real Age Makeover HarperCollins; NY, NY 2004


Thomas, William What are Old People For? Vanderwyk & Burnham:Acton, MA 2004

Objectives:

• understand the multidisciplinary field that gerontology is
• learn the impact of aging on an individual and on society
• increase your knowledge of the changes that accompany aging
• appreciate the diversity of the population known as the "elderly"
• learn the major theories of aging
• reduce your own anxieties about the aging process
• be able to recognize myths about aging

There is a service-learning component to the course. This, of course, means that additional time will be required of you outside of the traditional requirements, approximately 6 hours a month. I hope that having an opportunity to have contact with older persons who are not family members and an organization that provides services for older people will enhance your learning and understanding of aging. Service learning is the buzzword to describe the meshing of academic learning, meeting community needs, and overall personal student development.

We will work with Ms. Alli Durst and the clients of Respite Care Ministries. Respite Care Ministries is a support program for people with memory loss and their caregivers. You will need to complete 6 hours of time with RCM for each full month we meet (February, March, April). You are absolutely welcome to do more! More specific directions will be given in the next few weeks.

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Most of the exams will last from 4-5:15pm. We will resume class at appx. 5:20 pm. If you are someone who needs extra time, I will plan on being there a few minutes before class starts. If you are someone who finishes exams quickly, bring something to do. Each exam will cover the book listed AND all material presented in class up until that point.

**Grading Scale:**

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**Expectations:**

**Attendance**

You are expected to be here. We will cover material in class that is NOT in the books and that will show up on your exams. Also strong class attendance will influence my decisions about rounding up borderline grades, or in assisting you with other problems you may run into.
After four absences, you will be withdrawn from the class and receive a “WA”. This is the grade equivalent of “F”.

If you miss an exam, you must notify me within 24 hours of the exam, and request a legitimate medical or athletic excuse from the Dean’s office. No make-up exams will be given without a documented excuse from the Undergraduate Dean’s office.

If you are having any problems, whether they are class related or personal, please come and talk with me.

Honor Code

NO cheating, deceiving, swindling, lying, plagiarizing, or any other behaviors that would call into question your standing as an upright citizen. Avoid actions that might give the appearance of the aforementioned. See the Student Honor Code (under “living at the College of Charleston” on the “Current Students” Webpage) for more details of what is expected of you as a College of Charleston student.

Special Needs

If you have a documented disability and have been approved to receive accommodations through SNAP Services, please feel free to come and discuss this with me at the beginning of the semester.

Phones, PDA’s, MP3 players etc.

You can help make our world a better place by laying the groundwork for good technology folkways. I will make sure my technology is turned off before I walk into class, and I expect you to do the same. Laptops should be closed and put away during our class time. Yes, that means no texting as well. (And yes, I can see you.)
Course Outline:
This is a rough guideline, subject to change. Any changes made will be announced in class.

January 13th  
First Day of Class  
Alli Durst Respite Care Ministries

January 20

January 27  
Exam One The Thirty-Six Hour Day

February 3

February 10  
Exam Two The Real Age Makeover

February 17

(February 22  
Last day to withdraw)

February 24

March 3  
Exam Three Another Country

March 8-12  
Spring Break, No Class

March 17
March 24
Exam Four  
Aging with Grace

March 31
Age Simulation Experiment, must be here

April 7

April 14

April 21
Last day of class

April 28th
Exam Five  
What Are Old People For?  7:30-10:30pm