ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID
Admission to the program is competitive; approximately six to eight full-time students are enrolled each year, in addition to a limited number of part-time students. Admission requirements include a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution, an undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 or better, strong general GRE scores (verbal and quantitative), transcripts of all prior academic work, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. Members of minority groups are encouraged to apply. The admissions committee expects to interview applicants in person or by phone, whenever possible. Priority is given to those who submit applications and all supporting credentials by February 1. This deadline is especially important for those who expect to interview applicants in person or by phone, and it provides interdepartmental support for UMass Boston faculty and staff.

The Pension Action Center – This center strives to improve retirees’ and workers’ standard of living during retirement through individual case advocacy, referrals to appropriate programs and professionals, and issue analysis and reform of public policy. Because of its clear focus, the center is a one-of-a-kind organization in New England that touches the lives of thousands of people.

For more information on any of our programs, call the department at 617.287.7300, or visit our website: gerontology.umb.edu.

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WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH INSTITUTES
Our doctoral students have the opportunity to conduct aging research at three world-class institutes:

- The Gerontology Institute – Founded in 1984, the Gerontology Institute is one of this country’s leading centers for research on aging. In addition to conducting social and economic research on aging, the institute provides public education on age-related issues and is committed to expanding opportunities for older people.

- The Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging – This center was created to promote the demographic and applied research capacity within the Gerontology Institute. The center serves the research and evaluation needs of organizations that assist older adults in the community and municipalities, and it provides interdepartmental support for UMass Boston faculty and staff.

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Peer-Reviewed Journals: The Gerontology Department and Institute provide editorial leadership for two aging journals, The Journal of Aging & Social Policy is a peer-reviewed, quarterly journal and is distinguished by its emphasis on policy. Research on Aging is one of the oldest journals in the field of gerontology. It is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal.

CAREER PATHS
Our graduates hold professional appointments as researchers, policy analysts, university faculty, and other senior-level positions across the globe.

- Professor and Director for International Research, Duke University, School of Nursing
- Research Scientist, Yale University, School of Nursing
- Director of Workforce Initiatives, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Senior Research Advisor, AARP
- Assistant Professor, University of Southern California, Davis School of Gerontology
- Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, College of Public Health
- Assistant Professor, Indiana University, School of Social Work
- Professor, University of Miami, Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
- Director, State of Georgia, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services
- Research Project Manager, Partners Healthcare
- Research and Survey Support Manager, UCLA, Center for Health Policy Research
- Assistant Professor, MokPo – Catholic University, South Korea
- Network Facilitator, World Health Organization
- Assistant Professor, Simmons College, School of Health Studies
- Policy Analyst, Administration for Community Living, Center for Disability and Aging
- Senior Healthcare Analyst, Neighborhood Health Plan

“The PhD program is very ‘student-centered’…In this program, faculty help us develop our own interests and continually lead us to achieving the next higher level of quality.”

—Elizabeth Chen, PhD student

FACULTY
Our faculty members hold full-time appointments in the Gerontology Department and teach exclusively in our graduate programs.

Ellen A. Bruce, JD
Income security, retirement income, older women, aging policy, elder law

Jeffrey A. Burr, PhD
Social demography, household composition, labor force, race/ethnicity, productive activity, aging and health

Elizabeth Dugan, PhD
Older drivers, healthy aging, psychological outcomes

Edward Alan Miller, PhD
Long-term care, intergovernmental relations, program implementation and evaluation, telemedicine and e-health

Jan E. Mutchole, PhD
Diversity, intergenerational support, health disparities, economic security, social demography

Pamela Nadash, PhD
Long-term care, comparative health policy, consumer choice, integrated care

Frank Porell, PhD
Performance measurement, disability risks, service utilization, market behavior, sentinel injuries

Maximiliane Szinovacz, PhD
Families/family caregiving, retirement, grandparenthood, intergenerational relationships and transfers

NOTABLE FACTS
- Established in 1990, our Gerontology PhD program is the second oldest in the country.
- Our program has produced more graduates with a Gerontology PhD than any other program in the world.
- Current PhD students have published more than 60 peer-reviewed articles, 61 reports, 3 book chapters, and 2 books, and have made more than 250 professional presentations.
- Program alumni have published more than 900 journal articles, reports, book chapters, and books; they have made more than 1,100 professional presentations.
- Program alumni have been principal investigator or co-principal investigator on more than $30 million in grants and contracts.
Graduate Programs in Gerontology

Graduate study in the Gerontology Department of the University of Massachusetts Boston offers students the opportunity to pursue either a master’s degree, a PhD, or both.

Master’s Degree Programs: Students can choose the on-campus research policy track or the online management of aging services track.

Doctoral Program: Doctoral students do not need to have a master’s degree to apply for the doctoral program. They can earn the master’s degree while pursuing their doctorate. The approach of our PhD program reflects the urban mission of UMass Boston, with special focus on the low-income elderly and issues of race and cultural diversity. Our program can be completed in four or five years and prepares students for leadership roles as educators, researchers, policy makers, and policy analysts.

“This program has a great deal to offer students because of the location in Boston and by being a part of a large public research university.”
—Hayley Gleason, PhD student

The University of Massachusetts Boston Campus

The University of Massachusetts Boston campus offers excellent facilities, stunning water views, and easy access to the rich resources of the City of Boston and some of the Commonwealth’s most notable repositories of historical material. Adjacent to campus, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum offers a wealth of displays and programs on historic and current national and world events; the Massachusetts Archives and Commonwealth Museum showcases our state’s revolutionary and progressive heritage; and the brand-new (fall 2014) Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate allows visitors to experience participatory democracy and learn about the inner workings of the United States Senate.

The UMass Boston Gerontology Department is part of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies whose internationally recognized scholars offer first-class interdisciplinary education and values-driven research indicative of our deep commitment to making a difference in our communities and the wider world.

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