Graduate Gerontology Programs
Leading Center for Research and the Academic Study of Aging
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Why Study Aging & Gerontology
- “There is no country in the world that is facing such a big aging population problem (as China)” Yuan Xin, Professor at Nankai Univ.
- There is a need for trained professionals in this field

Ping Xu
Current Gerontology Student

Undergraduate degree:
BA English Studies, Hubei University of Technology

Masters degree:
MA Gerontology, Renmin University

Favorite things about Gerontology at UMass?
Students are friendly and share interests in aging but come from a wide variety of disciplines. The faculty is inspiring and willing to collaborate with students.

What’s it like living in Boston?
Life in Boston is fun. I enjoy exploring beautiful scenes during different seasons.

Distinguished Alumni
Graduates of our program work at the following prestigious institutions:
- Yale University
- AARP
- University of Southern California
- World Health Organization
- US Federal Government
- Mok-Po – Catholic University, S. Korea
- University of Zurich

Bei Wu, PhD, ’02
Professor and Director of International Research,
Duke University

Why Gerontology@ UMass Boston?
- Graduated more Gerontology PhDs than any other university
- 2nd oldest graduate Gerontology program
- Successful alumni work as educators, policy makers, & researchers

Shuangshuang Wang
Current Gerontology Student

Undergraduate degree:
BS Psychology, Ludong University

Why study gerontology?
The aging population in China is growing rapidly but few scholars focus on this area.

What aging issues interest you?
Intergenerational relations and well-being in late life. Policy changes related to the aging population in China.

What do you want to do when you graduate?
I hope to become an educator in a Gerontology program, where I can teach and do research about older adults.