Division of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions

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The Division of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions administers a variety of educational programs that enhance the academic and extracurricular life of the College, reflecting the strengths of the College and the needs of the community.

Summer Sessions

The summer sessions at Ithaca College provide the opportunity to combine study selected from a wide variety of course offerings and scheduling possibilities with the inviting attractions of the Ithaca area in the summertime. The summer sessions are designed to meet the needs of Ithaca College undergraduate and graduate students, visiting students from other colleges and universities who wish to spend their summer at Ithaca, and those who wish to take courses on an extramural basis.

Summer offerings reflect the full range of Ithaca College academic programs. Each of the five schools — business, communications, health sciences and human performance, humanities and sciences, and music — schedules lower- and upper-level classes during the two five-week sessions. In addition, there are a five-week graduate music session and a variety of specialized credit workshops. Students may also register for internships and independent studies.

Detailed information on the summer sessions is found in the catalog published every spring by the summer sessions office and on the website at www.ithaca.edu/cess.

Continuing Education Credit Programs

Adults in Degree Programs

Ithaca College welcomes to its student body persons 25 years of age or over who wish to begin college after being out of school for several years. The College is aware that adult students often have work and family responsibilities not shared by traditional-age students, and it is committed to aiding their educational endeavors. In particular, the College’s continuing education office is available to assist adults who plan to seek an undergraduate degree on either a full- or part-time basis. Advisers are available to help interested individuals explore alternatives and select programs of study that meet their specific needs, interests, and schedules. Adult students unfamiliar with the College may contact the continuing education office for information about the campus and its resources.

When completing the undergraduate admission application, adult students should check the “Adults in Degree Programs” box and skip inapplicable questions (e.g., parents’ backgrounds, high school guidance counselor recommendation). For persons 25 or over, the admission committee reviews factors such as life and work experience, recent college credits, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) scores, and other relevant indicators. For admission information, contact the coordinator of transfer admission at 607-274-3124.

It should be noted that adult students at Ithaca College enroll in the general credit courses of the College and participate in the same degree programs as traditional-age students. In academic matters, no distinction is made among students, regardless of age.

For further information, write to the Division of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, Ithaca College, 120 Towers Concourse, Ithaca, NY 14850-7141, call 607-274-3143, fax 607-274-1265, or e-mail cess@ithaca.edu.

Extramural (Nondegree) Study

Persons who are not degree students at Ithaca College may enroll on a course-by-course basis in undergraduate and graduate classes as extramural (nondegree) students. Extramural study at Ithaca College is appropriate for a wide range of individuals, such as

• persons who never started college or who want to return to college
• area residents who want to take a course or two for professional development or personal interest
• college graduates who want to continue their education at either the undergraduate or graduate level
• students at another college or university who want to enroll for transfer of credit
• international students whose visa eligibility and financial status are approved by the Office of International Programs
• qualified high school students who wish to get a head start in college-level study
• Ithaca College employees who have the approval of their department supervisor and the Office of Human Resources

Eligibility and Limitations

Extramural students who have graduated from high school or hold a GED or an associate’s degree may register for undergraduate courses only. Those who already hold a bachelor’s or advanced degree may register for either undergraduate or graduate courses; however, for registration in graduate courses, permission of the graduate chair is required. All classes (with certain restrictions) are open to extramural students on a space-available basis. Registrants must meet the prescribed prerequisites for any course.

Extramural students may enroll for a cumulative total of 18 undergraduate credits before applying to any undergraduate degree program. More than 18 credits may be taken only if the student does not wish to participate in a degree program and signs a statement of understanding to that effect. Extramural students who enroll in graduate courses are subject to the guidelines on transfer of credit outlined in the Ithaca College graduate catalog. No more than 12 graduate credits taken as an extramural student may be applied to a graduate degree at Ithaca College.

Credits earned on an extramural basis may be transferred to an Ithaca College degree program, although this transfer is not guaranteed. All transfer credits are subject to approval by the appropriate dean. Anyone wishing to enter an undergraduate degree program must apply to the College’s Office of Admission, 607-274-3124. Application for graduate study should be made to the Division of Graduate Studies, 607-274-3527.

Ithaca College reserves the right to suspend the eligibility of any student who does not maintain a passing cumulative grade point average (2.00). All dismissals from the program are at the discretion of the director of continuing education and summer sessions.

Note: Matriculated Ithaca College undergraduate and graduate students — including those who are suspended, dismissed, withdrawn, or on a leave of absence from any school within the College — are not eligible for registration as extramural students.

Registration and Tuition

Course registration for extramural study is completed during the first week of classes. Extramural registrants pay on a per-credit basis for 1 to 11 credits. The 2006–7 undergraduate rate is $894 per credit, plus a $15 registration fee. The graduate tuition rate varies according to program. Those registered for 12 to 18 credits pay a flat rate equal to the current full-time matriculated student tuition rate. (The 2006–7 rate is $13,416 per semester.) The fee to audit is $39 per credit for undergraduate courses, $89 per credit for graduate courses, plus a $15 registration fee.

New York State requires all students who register for 6 or more credits in a semester to provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella.

Contact the continuing education office for more information. An adviser is available to help students develop their educational plans and select courses. Call 607-274-3143 for an appointment, or visit our website at www.ithaca.edu/cess.

Continuing Professional Education

Through its Division of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, Ithaca College offers programs specially designed for those professionals whose educational needs are not met by the regular course offerings of the College. The continuing education office works with Ithaca College faculty, staff, and administration to provide workshops, conferences, and meetings for professional groups. Contact the continuing education office for additional information.

Certificate in Gerontology

Ithaca College offers a 24-credit undergraduate, nondegree certificate in gerontology that follows the guidelines of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and is registered with the New York State Education Department. Overseen by both the Ithaca College Gerontology Institute and the Division of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, the gerontology certificate is available to extramural students only. Students admitted into this
program are eligible for a grant to offset part of the tuition costs of courses included in the certificate curriculum.

The gerontology certificate is designed to provide professionals in the health and social services, as well as other interested individuals, with specialized knowledge of gerontological issues that will help them better understand and serve older adults. Students completing this program will enhance their knowledge and skills in a number of areas, including

- individual and social aspects of the aging process
- causes and consequences of problems experienced by older persons
- provision of services to older persons through a variety of professional disciplines
- provision of services and programs that promote the health and independence of older persons
- communication with older persons and among health care professionals
- organizational management and administration in a variety of residential environments

The gerontology certificate curriculum includes 24 credits taken from five sections. Most of these courses have minimal prerequisites. The full curriculum is shown below.

### Curriculum

**Core — required courses (6 credits)**

- GERO-10100  Introduction to Aging Studies (3)
- GERO-29010  Fieldwork in Gerontology (3)

**Disciplinary perspectives (select 6 credits)**

- BIOL-20500  Biology of Aging (3)
- PSYC-36600  Psychology of Aging (3)
- ANTH-34000  Aging and Culture (3)
- SDCI-22000  or  Sociology of Aging (3)
- GERO-22000  Sociology of Aging (3)

**Health aspects electives (select 3–6 credits)**

- SLPA-24900  Hearing Loss in the Elderly (3)
- SLPA-35900  Communication Disorders in the Aging Population (3)
- PTBS-20200  Rehabilitation for Older Adults (1)
- HLTH-24000  Health Promotion and the Older Adult (3)
- HLTH-32200  Nutrition for the Older Adult (3)

**Social aspects electives (select 3–6 credits)**

- MUMC-41100  Creative Musical Experience with Older Adults (3)
- TRLS-23800  Leisure and Aging (3)
- GERO-32100  Interdisciplinary Initiatives in Rural Geriatrics (3)
- GERO-32500  The Long-Term Care System (3) (counts only for one group)
- GERO-33000  Research Methods in Gerontology (3)
- GERO-38900  Selected Topics in Applied Gerontology (3)
- GERO-39900  Selected Topics in Social Gerontology (3)

**Administration and policy issues (select 3 credits)**

- GERO-31900  Aging and Social Policy (3)
- GERO-32500  The Long-Term Care System (3) (counts only for one group)
- GERO-41400  Long-Term Care Services Administration (3)
- HPS-49500  Special Topics in Health Administration (1–3)

For further information regarding the program’s admission requirements and curriculum, contact the Gerontology Institute, 607-274-1965, e-mail aging@ithaca.edu.