**WHO WE ARE**

The Centre for Innovative Ageing team has 37 core members based in the College of Human and Health Sciences and a further 12 associate members in other Schools and Colleges across the University.

The team is engaged in ageing research across Wales, UK, Europe and international boundaries.

*The Centre for Innovative Ageing is designated as a Centre of Excellence for both teaching and research under the IAGG’s Global Ageing Research Network scheme.*

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**OUR FLEXIBLE APPROACH**

Stand-alone modules

- PG Certificate
- PG Diploma
- MSc

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Each of the courses in Gerontology and Ageing Studies acknowledges that ageing is accompanied by biological and psychological changes, but takes a holistic approach to ageing. It shifts the central focus from the medical model of ageing to one that encompasses a range of disciplines, and views ageing more positively.

We offer modules that can be taken individually (20 credits) or that lead to one of three exit awards. The Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits) comprises three modules, the Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits) six modules, and the full MSc in Gerontology and Ageing Studies (180 credits) six modules (120 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits).

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**What our students say**

The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm.

- ALDOUS HUXLEY

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

- NELSON MANDELA

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OUR STUDENTS

Our students come from far and wide, where some are continuing their education whilst the majority come from non-traditional backgrounds. Many are currently working professionals in the clinical, health or social care sectors. Each year we welcome a wonderfully diverse group with the common denominator of passion. The environment is that of mutual support, and because we have discrete pockets of expertise in the room, we all learn from and with one another.

WHO WE ARE

The course is run from the Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA). We are a research group at the forefront of interdisciplinary work on ageing and provide the infrastructure, focus and leadership for ageing research and scholarship across the University’s Colleges.

We are a unique cluster of researchers and lecturers who contribute to each of the postgraduate courses in Gerontology and Ageing Studies. The team’s connections to policymakers are unparalleled in other parts of the UK and the course is exceptional in its acknowledgment of differences in policy between the devolved countries of the UK, and in the global context.

For information on the Centre for Innovative Ageing see: www.swansea.ac.uk/CIA

MODULES

Compulsory Modules:
• Ageing in a Global Context (10 weeks)
• Perspectives on Ageing (10 weeks)
• Foundations in Research (8 weeks)
• Health and Ageing (8 weeks)

Optional Modules:
• Policies, Ageing and Older People: Constructing Realities (8 weeks)
• Psychology of Ageing (8 weeks)
• Environment and Ageing (8 weeks)
• Older People, Citizenship and Participation (8 weeks)

For more details on each of these, please see: https://bit.ly/2OOCEO

MSc students will also complete a 20,000 word dissertation. This is an independent piece of research honing in on the student’s specific area of interest.

Examples of available datasets include:
• 13,000 people aged 60–90 living in six European countries
• 20 years of longitudinal data
• 600 older South Asians

OUR PROGRAMME DELIVERY DATES

For those enrolled on the PGCert, PGDip or MSc, the course can be undertaken on a full-time (1 year) basis or on a part-time (2 or 3 years) basis. Full-time students attend lectures one day per week (Wednesday) between the dates below, and will normally complete six modules and submit their dissertation by the end of the first year.

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*We reserve the right to withdraw optional modules that do not have a sufficient number of students enrolled.

**Dates potentially subject to change.

Part-time students normally take two years to complete six modules, and, for Masters students, up to a further one year to complete the dissertation. Postgraduate Certificate students normally study all three modules within a one-year period.

For information on fees see: swansea.ac.uk/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/fees

A selection of scholarships and bursaries are often available: swansea.ac.uk/postgraduate/scholarships/taught

International students see: swansea.ac.uk/international/students/fees-and-funding

To apply for the taught masters course see: swansea.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply

WHY STUDY WITH US?

Complete a postgraduate qualification in Gerontology and Ageing Studies and be part of a sought-after community of leaders in ageing practice, research and scholarship.

The course attracts dedicated practitioners and the finest students from around the globe, all of whom share a common goal - to work with and for older people. Whether your ambitions lie with managing and delivering services for older people, designing or manufacturing products for an ageing population or to influence policies affecting the older population, this is the course for you.

The course meets employer demand

I work for Marie Curie as Divisional Programme Manager, overseeing a portfolio of service improvement and development work and providing consultancy support. My Master’s course helped me develop a comprehensive understanding of the social and policy backdrop to ageing which is vital to this role. Completing my dissertation study also developed my analytical and writing skills, which I use regularly in delivering written reports both internally and externally to a wide range of audiences.

MONICA REARDON, FORMER MSc STUDENT

GRADUATES WITH SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE RELATING TO THIS CUSTOMER AND CLIENT DEMOGRAPHIC ARE IN INCREASINGLY HIGH DEMAND. DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE WILL IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE AND PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND NEW COMPANIES.