

## **INTERESTED IN A 2<sup>ND</sup> MASTER'S DEGREE IN AGING STUDIES AT EIU?**

*Only 7 more courses? Sharing credits for up to 4 courses? Finished in 1 more year or less?  
Starting immediately after the 1<sup>st</sup> master's or being able to pause between degrees?*

*Are you curious? Sounds appealing? Let's connect!*

*~Dr. Kathleen O'Rourke, Aging Studies Graduate Coordinator*

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### **What's Our Mission?**

- Our Aging Studies degrees prepare students to empower and advocate on behalf of older adults with acquired expertise and skill, support families and caregivers, promote community services and resources for aging, and serve as leaders with expertise and compassion while serving our aging population with dignity, respect, and care.

### **Why Consider Aging Studies as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Master's Degree?**

- With the growing older adult population, the need for gerontologists and professionals with expertise in aging/older life is increasing. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, professionals will experience faster-than-average job growth in gerontology/aging fields.

### **Features of Aging Studies as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Master's Degree:**

- Students may share up to 12 credit hours (4 courses) from the first master's degree and count those toward the M.S. in Aging Studies, potentially meaning as few as 7 courses in only 2-3 more semesters to fulfill requirements. Graduate Coordinators of both degree programs and the students collaboratively determine a finalized study plan and timeline.
- The M.S. in Aging Studies is a fully online degree with no on-campus requirements.
- Students who live within driving distance of campus may apply for Graduate Assistantships, which include full tuition waivers for up to 3 semesters + a monthly stipend of just over \$1000.

### **EIU has OVER 40 graduate degree programs!**

- Examples of our current/recent 2<sup>nd</sup> master's degree students' paths include:  
M.S. in Aging Studies + a M.S. or M.A. in:  
~Human Services                      ~Communication Studies  
~Business Administration (MBA)    ~English  
~Clinical Counseling                  ~Health Promotion

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