WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY
AGING STUDIES
DEGREE?

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES
Insurance Companies, Law Offices, Financial Planning Services, Investment Banking Firms
= Attorney (generalist) = Financial Planner = Retirement Planning
= Elder Law = Case Manager = Insurance Sales and Service
= Senior Real Estate Specialist

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Businesses, Non-Profits, Employee Assistance Programs, Government, Media
= Planning/Policy Development = Urban Planner = Retail Operation
= Program Analyst/Evaluator = Marketing Director = Senior Publications
= Program Director = Media personality = Specialty Apparel
= Program Specialist = Reporter = Victims Advocate
= Public Relations = Ombudsman = Information and Referral Specialist

WELLNESS AND PERSONAL CARE
Retirement Communities, Hospitals, Senior Centers, Adult Day Care Centers, Spas and Wellness Centers, Community Centers
= Fitness Trainer = Nutritional Counselor = Physical therapy
= Recreational Therapy = Personal Trainer = Wellness Manager
= Communal Living Coordinator = Fashion Consultant = In Home Art Instructor
= Home Care = Ombudsman = Retreat/Wellness Counselor

HEALTH CARE SERVICE
Clinics, Treatment Centers, Mental Health Centers, Government, Adult Day Care Facilities, Assisted Living Communities
= Dietician = Physician = Ophthalmologist
= Psychiatrist = Social worker = Medical Records Staff
= Long Term Care Administrator

IN HOME SERVICES
Hospices, Private Residence, Rehabilitation Centers, Residential Treatment Centers
= Music Therapist = Occupational Therapist = Optometry
= Podiatrist = Registered Nurse = Health Information Specialist
= Transportation Services
HOUSING
Architect Firms, Engineering Firms, Design Firms, Government, Retirement Communities
≡ Architect ≡ Aging in place specialist ≡ Engineer
≡ Home Modification Specialist ≡ Interior Designer ≡ Resident Manager
≡ Retirement Housing Professional ≡ Senior Housing Administrator ≡ Facilities Manager

LEISURE, RECREATION AND TRAVEL
Cruise Ships, Retirement Communities, Senior Recreational Facilities, Parks, Travel Agencies
≡ Cruise Line Staff ≡ Event Planner ≡ Tour Guide
≡ Travel Agent ≡ Recreation Specialist

HUMAN RESOURCES
Nonprofit Associations, Businesses, Employee Assistance Programs, Government, Employment Agencies
≡ Employee Relations Specialist ≡ Human Resources Manager ≡ Employment Specialist
≡ Ergonomics Assessment ≡ Industrial Psychologist ≡ Diversity Training
≡ Vocational Rehabilitation counselor

POLICY/ADVOCACY
Political and Issue-Oriented / Non-Profit / Associations
≡ Volunteer Coordinator ≡ Community/Field Organizer ≡ Project Manager
≡ Membership Coordinator ≡ Program Developer ≡ Political Organizer
≡ Meetings Coordinator ≡ Community Relations Officer ≡ Lobbyist Assistant
≡ Fund-Raiser/Development Associate ≡ Special Events Planner ≡ Public Relations Specialist
≡ Field Worker ≡ Legislative Advocate ≡ Public Policy Analyst
≡ Grant Writer ≡ Program Coordinator ≡ Program Evaluator

KEEP IN MIND...
This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is not a complete list! Also keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as an aging studies major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:
(1) obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience (see CC about their part-time, major-related job announcements and the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities
(2) supplement your aging studies course work with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career specialist for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Internet sites: that allow you to explore career options for an Aging Studies degree:

Career Center: Books/Resources (MP 212)
≡ 100 Jobs in Social Change
≡ Careers in Social Work
National Associations:
The Gerontological Society of America (www.geron.org/)
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (www.aghe.org/)
National Academy on an Aging Society (www.agingsoociety.org/agingsoociety/)