FCS 5240 Mid/Later Life Development & Family

Prepare yourself for U.S. and global aging population boom:

![U.S. Population Projections to 2050]

FCS 5240 Topics Covered:
Theories of longevity, adult development & family relationships
The Good News: Successful aging & adaptation—Debunking myths
Aging population demography--UT, U.S., & Internationally
Birth cohort history & diversity (Baby Boom, Depression era, GI generation)
Adult child/parent relationships, grandparent/grandchild relations
Intragenerational solidarity across time among friends and siblings
Mid and later life love, cohabitation & marriage
Relationship dissolution through death/divorce
Gender and aging (double standard of aging, anti-aging rhetoric, etc.)
Race/ethnic minority aging, immigration, discrimination
Economics of aging (poverty, pensions, medical expenses)
Public policy (Social Security, SSI, Medicare, Medicaid)
Health and disability across life course-Alzheimer’s Disease, chronic conditions
Family caregiving, dependence, independence and maintenance of autonomy
Institutionalization, assisted living facilities and self identity
Utilization of formal community-based aging services
Elder abuse and neglect including self neglect
End of life care, Hospice, euthanasia, death & dying

Requirements: 2 tests, 1 research project (paper or presentation),
interview of mid or later life person, & class participation