

SAGE (SENIOR ADULT GROWTH THROUGH EDUCATION)

What is SAGE? The SAGE program provides formal educational opportunities for senior adults. Persons 60 and older or retired may audit almost all undergraduate or graduate courses on a space-available basis at a special low tuition rate.

What is "space-available"? This program is available at an extremely low cost because the SAGE student does not displace a full-paying, degree-seeking student. Space can be limited for pedagogical reasons or by the size of the classroom. To assure degree-seeking students maximum opportunity for registration, "available space" is not confirmed until the day the course actually begins.

What does "Audit" mean? To audit means "to listen." Students are not required to complete readings, engage in class discussions, write papers, or take examinations. Conversely, it also means that the professors are not obligated to evaluate work done by auditors.

Does this mean SAGE students may not participate in class? No, SAGE students bring special perspectives which faculty welcome. In order to have the professor evaluate written work or to engage in class discussion, SAGE students should discuss their involvement with the professor. SAGE students will, however, be sensitive to the nature of the class and the professor's conduct of the course.

How do I become a SAGE Student? What is the Cost? Admission to SAGE includes the completion of a one-page application form and a one-time application fee of \$30. Previous college attendance is not required. The current cost is \$60 per credit hour, and most courses are three credit hours. The administrative fee is \$80. SAGE students may register at any time during the hours of 8-5 pm daily in the Graduate Studies and Continuing Education Office in Kretzmann Hall, Room 116. However, a place in a class cannot be confirmed *officially* until the first day of class. Request Information To request information about our SAGE program, [click here](#).

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