

Community Development

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Degrees Offered: M.A., M.S.

Application Deadline: International application materials must be received before May 1 for the fall semester and prior to August 1 for spring and summer semesters. Domestic applications must be received at least one month prior to the start of the semester.

English Proficiency TOEFL iBT 71

Requirements: IELTS 6

Program Description

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Emergency Management in cooperation with the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics offer a master's degree in Community Development. The degree is a multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary, online program in conjunction with the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA). Other institutions participating in this program include Iowa State University, Kansas State University, the University of Nebraska -Lincoln, and South Dakota State University.

The primary audience for this program is community economic development officials and specialists already employed in the field.

The program requires a total of 36 credit hours, including 16 credits (six courses) of Core, 15 credits in two of the four Track areas, and up to six credits of thesis. The four Track areas include Building Economic Capacity, Natural Resource Management, Working with Native Communities, and Non-profit Leadership.

Program Objectives

The objectives of the Community Development graduate degree program are to:

- Increase the skills, knowledge, and competencies of community economic development officials who are currently employed and have limited opportunity to participate in an on-campus degree program.
- Provide graduate training for individuals entering the community economic development career field who require training/degrees for career advancement.
- Enhance the community economic development skills, knowledge, and competencies of individuals working with Native American communities, natural resource-based communities, non-profit organizations, and/or state and local government.

Program Requirements

A total of 36 credits are required for the master's degree program. Students will write a thesis or complete a creative component (Plan B) to capstone the degree program, which will be worth six credit hours. The student's schedule of courses must be approved by the Faculty Advisor and the Campus Coordinator. Students may select either a Masters of Science (MS) or Masters of Arts (MA) option. The MA option

requirement normally includes two (2) years of a foreign language. This requirement can be satisfied with undergraduate courses and/or a proficiency examination.

Students will be required to take all of the six Core courses and an additional 15 credits selected from at least two tracks. The Core courses are:

CED 709	Community Development Orientation	1
CED 711	Principles and Strategies of Community Change	3
CED 713	Community Development II: Organizing for Community Change	3
CED 715	Community Analysis: Introduction to Methods	3
CED 717	Community and Regional Economic Policy and Analysis	3
CED 719	Community Natural Resource Management	3

There are presently four tracks that have been developed from which students may choose. These include:

- Building Economic Capacity
- Natural Resource Management
- Working with Native Communities
- Non-profit Leadership

A sample schedule for a student in the Building Economic Capacity track may look as follows:

	Fall Credits	Spring Credits	Summer Credits	First Year	
Community Development Orientation	1	Community Development II	3	Community and Natural Resources Management	3
Community Development I	3	Community and Regional Economics and Analysis	3		
Community Analysis: Introduction to Methods	3				
	7	6			3
	Fall Credits	Spring Credits	Summer Credits	Second Year	
Economic Development and Strategies and Programs	3	Cluster and Regional Economic Development Workshop	3	Real Estate	3
Impact Analysis	3	Thesis	2	Thesis	3
Cost Benefit Analysis	3				
	9	5			6
Total Credits: 36					

For additional information: http://www.ndsu.edu/ced/on_line_masters/