

Community Development

Program and Application Information

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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.
Degrees Offered:	M.A., M.S. - PROGRAM AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY
English Proficiency Requirements:	TOEFL iBT 71; IELTS 6

Program Description

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Emergency Management in cooperation with the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics offers 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 courses, 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 adviser and the campus coordinator. Students may select either a Master of Science (M.S.) or Master of Arts (M.A.) option. The M.A. 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.

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

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses Credits		16
CED 709	Community Development Orientation	
CED 711	Principles and Strategies of Community Change	

CED 713	Community Development II: Organizing for Community Change	
CED 715	Community Analysis: Introduction to Methods	
CED 717	Community and Regional Economic Policy and Analysis	
CED 719	Community Natural Resource Management	
Specialization Track credits		15
General Elective Credits (Choose one of the following)		3
CED 752	Basic Grant Development and Management	
CED 753	Not-for-profit Management	
CED 755	Community Leadership and Capacity Building	
CED 798	Master's Thesis (or creative component (max 6 credits))	6-10
Total Credits Required		36

Natural Resource Management Track

Code	Title	Credits
CED 731	Ecological Economics	3
CED 733	Sustainable Communities	3
CED 735	Policy and Politics of Coastal Areas	3

Working with Native Communities Track

Code	Title	Credits
CED 721	Introduction to Native Community Development	3
CED 723	Building Native Community/Economic Capacity	3
CED 725	Wellness in Native Communities	1
CED 726	Youth Development in Native Communities	1
CED 727	Indian Country Agriculture and Natural Resources	1
CED 728	Role of Tribal Colleges in Economic Development	1

Building Economic Capacity Track

Code	Title	Credits
CED 741	Economic Development Strategies and Programs	3
CED 742	Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis	1
CED 743	Cost-Benefit Analysis	1
CED 744	Local Economic Analysis	1
CED 745	Land Management Planning	3

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

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

Cost Benefit Analysis	3		
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Total Credits: 36

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