

Community Development

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
Applications must be received by February 15 for fall semester and September 15 for spring semester.
- **Credential Offered:**
M.A., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 100

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers a 36 credit hour Master of Science (M.S.) or Master of Arts (M.A.) in Community Development. The degree is a multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary, online program in conjunction with the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA) (<https://www.gpidea.org/>). Other institutions participating in this program include 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.

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.

Students will write a master' thesis (Plan A) 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.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		18
CED 709	Foundations in Community Development	
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	
Electives		12-18
CED 752	Basic Grant Development and Management	3
CED 721	Introduction to Native Community Development	3
CED 723	Building Native Community/Economic Capacity	3
CED 733	Sustainable Communities	3
CED 741	Economic Development Strategies and Programs	3
CED 745	Land Management Planning	3

CED 761	Government, Politics, & Community Development	3
CED 753	Not-for-profit Management	3
CED 755	Community Leadership and Capacity Building	3
CED 763	Immigrants and Communities	3
CED 758	Evaluation of Organizations and Programs	3
CED 756	Community Engagement	3
CED 746 HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS		3
Plan A or B option		
CED 798	Master's Thesis	
or CED 797		

Plan C

The Plan C option requires 36 credits of coursework only.