

# Community Development

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## 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 105

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's thesis (Plan A), complete a comprehensive study (Plan B), or pursue a culminating experience (Plan C). The student's schedule of courses must be approved by the faculty advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>18</b>
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	
<b>Electives</b>		<b>12-18</b>
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
<b>Plan A or B option</b>		
CED 798	Master's Thesis	
	or CED 797	

**Plan C**

The Plan C option requires 36 credits of coursework only.