

Community Development Master's

Department Information

- **Program Information:**
ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/community-development (<http://ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/community-development/>)
- **Department Web Site:**
ndsu.edu/socanth/ (<http://ndsu.edu/socanth/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
Fall semester- February 15; Spring semester- September 15
- **Credential Offered:**
M.A., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

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The degree is a multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary, online program in conjunction with the Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA).

Master of Arts Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses Credits		16
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	
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	(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		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		1
CED 726		1
CED 727		1
CED 728		1

Building Economic Capacity Track

Code	Title	Credits
CED 741	Economic Development Strategies and Programs	3
CED 742		1
CED 743		1
CED 744		1
CED 745	Land Management Planning	3

Master of Science Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses Credits		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		
or CED 797		

Plan C

The Plan C option requires 36 credits of coursework only.

Admission and Application Requirements

- Graduate School admission and application requirements are found on the Admission Information (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/graduate/admission-information/>) page.