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.