

# Rural Development

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## M.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 30 credits

The Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development M.A. program is designed to educate leaders who understand the dynamic relationship of rural Alaska with the global economy and who have professional skills in areas of leadership, business development, administration and conflict management. Graduates typically take positions with tribal and municipal governments, fisheries, tourism, Native corporations, regional health corporations or non-profits, state/federal agencies, or other private businesses.

Graduate degree students gain a broader theoretical understanding of development processes in Alaska and the circumpolar North. Graduate students complete a thesis or applied community development project, and have opportunities for international study and research.

Students can earn the M.A. degree either on the Fairbanks campus or through distance delivery. Special application requirements and deadlines apply for distance M.A. degree programs. For more information contact the department toll-free 1-800-770-9531 or visit [www.uaf.edu/danrd/ma-program/](http://www.uaf.edu/danrd/ma-program/).

## Graduate Program — M.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 201).
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 205).
3. Complete the following core courses:  
RD F600—Circumpolar Indigenous Leadership Symposium ...3  
RD F601—Political Economy of the Circumpolar North.....3  
RD F625—Community Development Strategies:  
Principles and Practices .....3  
RD F650—Community-Based Research Methods .....3  
RD F651—Management Strategies for Rural Development .....3
4. Complete 9 – 12 elective credits at the F600-level (up to 6 credits may be at the F400-level with approval from the graduate committee):  
RD F425—Cultural Impact Analysis .....3  
RD F652—Indigenous Organization Management .....3  
RD F655—Circumpolar Health Issues .....3  
ANTH F610—Northern Indigenous Peoples and  
Contemporary Issues .....3  
CCS F608—Indigenous Knowledge Systems .....3
5. Complete one of the following:  
Research Project.....6  
Thesis.....6 – 9
6. Minimum credits required .....30