

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

College of Rural and Community Development
Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development
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B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

Rural development degree programs are designed to educate a new generation of community leaders for rural Alaska. The B.A. degree can be earned either on the Fairbanks campus or through distance delivery.

Students in the rural development program gain a broad understanding of Alaska's relationship to the global economy and an appreciation for sustainable development strategies. Students also learn specific tools essential for community leadership, including business plan and grant proposal writing, community visioning and planning processes, computer business applications, and project management and evaluation techniques. Graduates typically take positions with tribal and municipal governments, fisheries, tourism and other private businesses, Native corporations, regional health corporations or non-profits, and state/federal agencies.

Undergraduate degree students develop a concentration in one of five areas: community business and economic development; community research and indigenous knowledge; land, resources and environmental management; rural health and human services management; or tribal and local government administration.

Special application requirements and deadlines apply for distance B.A. degree programs. For more information contact the department toll-free at 800-770-9531 or visit our website.

Major — B.A. Degree

Concentrations: Community Business and Economic Development; Community Research and Indigenous Knowledge; Land, Resources and Environmental Management; Rural Health and Human Services Management; Tribal and Local Government Administration

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 132).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 137).
3. Complete the following:*

RD F300W—Rural Development in a Global Perspective	3
RD F325—Community Development Strategies.....	3
RD F350O—Indigenous Knowledge and Community Research.....	3
RD F351—Strategic Planning for Rural Communities.....	3
RD F352—Rural Business Planning and Proposal Development.....	3
RD F400—Rural Development Internship	3
RD F450—Managing Rural Projects and Programs.....	3
RD F475W—Rural Development Senior Project	3
4. Complete the following:*

RD elective	3
RD, ANS or ED electives.....	6

5. Complete one of the following concentrations:**

Community Business and Economic Development

Complete 21 credits from the following:

ABUS F151—Village Based Entrepreneurship.....	2
ABUS F179—Fundamentals of Supervision	3
ABUS F232—Contemporary Management Issues***	3
ABUS F233—Financial Management	3
ABUS F241—Applied Business Law I	3
ABUS F272—Small Business Planning.....	3
ABUS F273—Managing a Small Business	3
ACCT F261—Accounting Concepts and Uses I	3
ACCT F262—Accounting Concepts and Uses II.....	3
ANS F310—The Alaska Native Lands Settlement	3
ANS/PS F425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives	3
BA F151—Introduction to Business***	3
CS F101—Computers and Society	3
ECON F111—Economics of Rural Alaska	3
ECON F200—Principles of Economics	4
ENGL F212—Business, Grant and Report Writing.....	3
ENGL F314W,O/2—Technical Writing.....	3
SOC F407O—Work and Occupations	3
Approved electives**	6 or more

Note: Designed for students interested in creating sustainable economic development for rural and indigenous communities, with a focus on small business development. Students learn to develop business and marketing plans, economic development planning and basic principles of financial and human resources management for rural enterprises. Graduates find employment in ANCSA corporations, regional development organizations, economic development agencies and as local entrepreneurs.

Community Research and Indigenous Knowledge

Complete 21 credits from the following:

ANL F315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut	3
ANL F316—Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages.....	3
ANS/ANTH F320W—Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska	3
ANS F350W,O—Cross Cultural Communication: Alaskan Perspectives	3
ANS F351—Practicum in Native Cultural Expression.....	1 – 3
ANS F401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders***	3
ANTH F230—The Oral Tradition: Folklore and Oral History	3
APAR F100—Basic Video Workshop.....	1
APAR F103—Editing Videotape	1
COMM F330—Intercultural Communication	3
CS F101—Computers and Society	3
ENGL F313W—Writing Non-Fiction Prose	3
ENGL F314W,O/2—Technical Writing.....	3
ENGL/ANS F349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English Translation)	3
HIST F250—Alaska History for Local Historians.....	3
HIST F470W—Seminar in Alaskan History	3
JRN F215—Radio Production.....	3
JRN F311W—Magazine Article Writing.....	3
JRN F404—Photojournalism I.....	3
JRN F452W—Radio and Television News Writing.....	3
LS F309—Information Resources.....	1
RD F425—Cultural Impact Analysis***	3
SOC F250—Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3
SOC/PSY F480W—Qualitative Social Science Research	3
Approved electives**	3 or more

Note: Designed for students with interests in researching Alaska Native communities, cultures, languages, ceremonial performances and histories. Students learn principles of ethical research, explore issues of intellectual and cultural property rights, and acquire skills in doing ethnographies, oral histories, community surveys and needs assessments, and archival research. Graduates find employment with museums, ANCSA corporations, tribal governments, and federal and state agencies.

Land Resources and Environmental Management

Complete 21 credits from the following:

ABUS F223—Real Estate Law	3
ANS F310—The Alaska Native Lands Settlement	3
ANS/PS F425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives	3
BIOL F104—Natural History of Alaska	3
BIOL F150—Introduction to Marine Biology	3
BIOL F271—Principles of Ecology	4
BIOL/NRM F277—Introduction to Conservation Biology	3
CE F112—Elementary Surveying	3
CS F101—Computers and Society	3
ECON F235—Introduction to Natural Resource Economics	3
ENGL F314W,O/2—Technical Writing	3
FISH F101—Introduction to Fisheries	3
FISH F487W,O—Fisheries Management	3
GEOG/NRM F338—Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth	4
MIN F101—Minerals, Man and the Environment	3
MSL F111X—The Oceans	4
NRM F101—Natural Resources Conservation and Policy***	3
NRM F204—Public Lands Law and Policy	3
NRM F340—Natural Resources Measurement and Inventory	3
NRM F430/F630—Resource Management Planning	3
RD F255—Rural Alaska Land Issues***	3
RD F265—Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska	3
RD F280—Resource Management Research Techniques	3
WLF F201—Wildlife Management Principles	3
WLF F303W—Wildlife Management Techniques	3
Approved electives**	3 or more

Note: Designed for students with an interest in land and resources co-management, development and conservation. Students learn about traditional ecological knowledge, principles of natural resources management and policy, adaptive management, and skills for effective public/private/tribal collaboration in resource management. Graduates find employment with ANCSA corporations, regional and tribal entities, state and federal agencies, and private businesses.

Rural Health and Human Services Management

Complete 21 credits from the following:

ABUS F154—Human Relations	3
ABUS F179—Fundamentals of Supervision	3
ABUS F231—Introduction to Personnel	1 – 3
ANS/PS F425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives	3
ENGL F314W,O/2—Technical Writing	3
HUMS F120—Cultural Diversity in Human Service	3
HUMS/JUST F125—Introduction to Addictive Processes	3
HUMS F205—Basic Principles of Group Counseling	3
HUMS F210—Crisis and Grief Counseling	3
HUMS F215—Individual Interviewing	2 – 3
HUMS F250—Current Issues in Human Service	1 – 4
HUMS F301—Ethics in Human Service	3
HUMS F305—Substance Abuse Counseling	3
JUST F340—Rural Justice in Alaska	3
PS/ANS F325—Native Self-Government	3
PSY F240—Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3
PSY F445W—Community Psychology	3
RHS F110—Cross-Cultural Bridging Skills	1
RHS F120—Family Systems I	2
RHS F130—Processes of Community Change	2
RHS F140—Alaska Native Values and Principles	1
RHS F150—Introduction to Rural Counseling	2
RHS F220—Family Systems II	2
RHS F260—Addictions: Intervention and Treatment	2
RHS F265—Interpersonal Violence	2
RHS F270—Networking, Negotiating and Conflict Resolution	2
RHS F285—Case Management	2
RHS F290—Grief and Healing	2

SOC F242—The Family: A Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
SOC F301—Rural Sociology	3
PSY F370—Drugs and Drug Dependence	3
SWK F103—Introduction to Social Work	3
SWK F320W—Rural Social Work	3
Approved electives**	6 or more

Note: Designed for students interested in leadership for healthy communities, management of rural health programs and issues of community healing and wellness. Students learn principles and practices of community wellness, skills in financial and human resources management, and contemporary issues of importance in leading toward healthy communities. Graduates find employment with rural health corporations, tribal and municipal governments, educational institutions, and state and federal agencies.

Tribal and Local Government Administration

Complete 21 credits from the following:

ABUS F154—Human Relations	3
ABUS F179—Fundamentals of Supervision	3
ABUS F232—Contemporary Management Issues	3
ACCT F261—Accounting Concepts and Uses I	3
ACCT F262—Accounting Concepts and Uses II	3
ACCT F414—Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting	3
ANS F310—The Alaska Native Lands Settlement	3
ANS F350W,O—Cross-Cultural Communication: Alaskan Perspectives	3
ANS/PS F425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives***	3
ANS/PS F450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies	3
BA F330—The Legal Environment of Business	4
COMM F330—Intercultural Communication	3
COMM F335O—Organizational Communication	3
CS F101—Computers and Society	3
ECON F351—Public Finance	3
ENGL F212—Business, Grant, and Report Writing	3
ENGL F314W,O/2—Technical Writing	3
JUST F340—Rural Justice in Alaska	3
NRM F204—Public Lands Law and Policy	3
NRM F430/F630—Resource Management Planning	3
PS F101—Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
PS F212—Introduction to Public Administration	3
PS F263—Alaska Native Politics***	3
PS/ANS F325—Native Self-Government	3
PS F403W—Public Policy	3
PS F462/NORS F662—Alaska Government and Politics	3
SOC/PSY F250—Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3
SOC F407O—Work and Occupations	3
Approved electives**	3 or more

Note: Designed for students interested in development and operations of tribal and municipal governments in rural Alaska. Students develop an understanding of the history and constitutional basis for tribal governance, basics of federal Indian law, and principles and practices of self-determination. They develop skills in planning, budgeting, and human resources management. Graduates find employment with tribal and municipal governments and organizations, ANCSA corporations, and state and federal agencies.

6. Minimum credits required 120

* Students must earn a C grade (2.0) or better in each course.

** Elective credits may also fulfill the humanities, social science or mathematics general requirements for the B.A. degree. Prerequisites are required for many of these courses; however, prerequisites do not apply to the credit requirement.

*** Recommended courses. Course substitutions may be made with approval of the faculty advisor.

Minor

- Complete the following:
RD F300—Rural Development in a Global Perspective 3
RD electives at the F200-level or above 15
- Minimum credits required 18

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

(Note: all courses for Core must be at C- or higher.)

COMMUNICATION (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL F111X(3) _____
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X(3) _____

Complete one of the following:

COMM F131X OR COMM F141X(3) _____

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X(3) _____
ECON F100X OR PS F100X(3) _____
HIST F100X(3) _____
ENGL/FL F200X(3) _____

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X (3) _____

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X,
PS F300X OR PHIL F322X(3) _____

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS

- two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language **OR**
- three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

MATHEMATICS (3)

Complete one of the following:

MATH F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR
STAT F200X(3 – 4) _____
* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

OR complete one of the following:*

MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X,
MATH F262X OR MATH F272X(4) _____
*Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite.

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM F101X(4) _____
BIOL F100X(4) _____
BIOL F103X(4) _____
BIOL F104X(4) _____
BIOL F111X(4) _____
BIOL F112X(4) _____
BIOL F115X(4) _____
BIOL F116X(4) _____
CHEM F100X(4) _____
CHEM F103X(4) _____
CHEM F104X(4) _____
CHEM F105X(4) _____
CHEM F106X(4) _____
GEOG F111X(4) _____
GEOS F100X(4) _____
GEOS F101X(4) _____
GEOS F112X(4) _____
GEOS F120X(4) _____
GEOS F125X(4) _____
MSL F111X(4) _____
PHYS F102X(4) _____
PHYS F103X(4) _____
PHYS F104X(4) _____
PHYS F115X(4) _____
PHYS F116X(4) _____
PHYS F175X(4) _____
PHYS F211X(4) _____
PHYS F212X(4) _____
PHYS F213X(4) _____

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0 – 1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test **OR**
LS F100X or F101X prior to junior standing(0 – 1) _____

UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

Complete the following:

Two writing intensive courses designated (W)(0) _____
and one oral communication intensive course
designated (O)(0) _____

OR two oral communication intensive courses designated
(O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major
requirements)(0) _____

CORE CREDITS REQUIRED 38 – 39

Minimum credits required for degree 120



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