

# 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 1-800-770-9531 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 116).
  2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 120).
  3. Complete the following:\*
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| RD 300W—Rural Development in a Global Perspective .....            | 3 |
| RD 325—Community Development Strategies.....                       | 3 |
| RD 350O—Indigenous Knowledge and Community Research.....           | 3 |
| RD 351—Strategic Planning for Rural Communities.....               | 3 |
| RD 352—Rural Business Planning and Proposal Development.....       | 3 |
| RD 400—Rural Development Internship .....                          | 3 |
| RD 450—Managing Rural Projects and Programs .....                  | 3 |
| RD 451—Human Resources Management for Indigenous Communities ..... | 3 |
| RD 475W—Rural Development Senior Project.....                      | 3 |
4. Complete the following elective courses:\*
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| RD elective.....              | 3 |
| RD, ANS or ED electives ..... | 3 |

5. Complete one of the following concentrations:\*\*

## Community Business and Economic Development

Complete 21 credits from the following:

ABUS 151—Village Based Entrepreneurship.....	2
ABUS 179—Fundamentals of Supervision.....	3
ABUS 211—Tax for Business Entities .....	2
ABUS 232—Contemporary Management Issues*** .....	3
ABUS 233—Financial Management .....	3
ABUS 241—Applied Business Law I .....	3
ABUS 272—Small Business Planning.....	3
ABUS 273—Managing a Small Business.....	3
ANS 261—Accounting Concepts and Uses I .....	3
ANS 262—Accounting Concepts and Uses II .....	3
ANS 310—The Alaska Native Lands Settlement.....	3
ANS/PS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives .....	3
BA 151—Introduction to Business*** .....	3
CIO 111—Computer Software for Beginners.....	2
CS 101—Computers and Society .....	3
ECON 111—Economics of Rural Alaska .....	3
ECON 200—Principles of Economics.....	4
ENGL 212—Business, Grant and Report Writing.....	3
ENGL 314W/O/2—Technical Writing .....	3
SOC 407O—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 315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut.....	3
ANL 316—Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages .....	3
ANS/ANTH 320W—Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska.....	3
ANS 350W/O—Cross Cultural Communication: Alaskan Perspectives .....	3
ANS 351—Practicum in Native Cultural Expression.....	1–3
ANS 401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders*** .....	3
ANTH 230—The Oral Tradition: Folklore and Oral History .....	3
APAR 100—Basic Video Workshop.....	1
APAR 103—Editing Videotape.....	1
CIO 111—Computer Software for Beginners.....	2
COMM 330—Intercultural Communication .....	3
CS 101—Computers and Society .....	3
ENGL 313W—Writing Non-Fiction Prose .....	3
ENGL 314W/O/2—Technical Writing .....	3
ENGL/ANS 349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English Translation).....	3
HIST 250—Alaska History for Local Historians .....	3
HIST 470W—Seminar in Alaskan History .....	3
JRN 215—Radio Production .....	3
JRN 311W—Magazine Article Writing .....	3
JRN 404—Photojournalism I .....	3
JRN 452W—Radio and Television News Writing .....	3
LS 309—Information Resources.....	1
RD 425—Cultural Impact Analysis*** .....	3
SOC 250—Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences .....	3
SOC/PSY 480W—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 223—Real Estate Law.....	3
ANS 310—The Alaska Native Lands Settlement.....	3
ANS/PS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives.....	3
BIOL 104—Natural History of Alaska.....	3
BIOL 150—Introduction to Marine Biology.....	3
BIOL 271—Principles of Ecology.....	4
BIOL/NRM 277—Introduction to Conservation Biology.....	3
CIO 111—Computer Software for Beginners.....	2
CE 112—Elementary Surveying.....	3
CS 101—Computers and Society.....	3
ECON 235—Introduction to Natural Resource Economics.....	3
ENGL 314W/O/2—Technical Writing.....	3
FISH 101—Introduction to Fisheries.....	3
FISH 401W/O/2—Fisheries Management.....	3
GEOG/NRM 338—Introduction to Geographic Information Systems.....	3
GEOS 101X—The Dynamic Earth.....	4
MIN 101—Minerals, Man and the Environment.....	3
MSL 111X—The Oceans.....	4
NRM 101—Natural Resources Conservation and Policy***.....	3
NRM 204—Public Lands Law and Policy.....	3
NRM 340—Natural Resources Measurement and Inventory.....	3
NRM 404—Environmental Impact Statement Law.....	3
NRM 430/630—Resource Management Planning.....	3
RD 255—Rural Alaska Land Issues***.....	3
RD 256—Co-Management of Renewable Resources.....	3
RD 265—Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska.....	3
RD 280—Resource Management Research Techniques.....	3
WLF 201—Wildlife Management Principles.....	3
WLF 303W—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 154—Human Relations.....	3
ABUS 179—Fundamentals of Supervision.....	3
ABUS 231—Introduction to Personnel.....	3
ANS/PS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives.....	3
ENGL 314W/O/2—Technical Writing.....	3
HUMS 120—Cultural Diversity in Human Service.....	3
HUMS/JUST 125—Introduction to Addictive Processes.....	3
HUMS 205—Basic Principles of Group Counseling.....	3
HUMS 210—Crisis and Grief Counseling.....	3
HUMS 215—Individual Interviewing.....	3
HUMS 250—Current Issues in Human Service.....	3
HUMS 301—Ethics in Human Service.....	3
HUMS 305—Substance Abuse Counseling.....	3
JUST 340—Rural Justice in Alaska.....	3
PS/ANS 325—Native Self-Government.....	3
PSY 240—Lifespan Developmental Psychology.....	3
PSY 445W—Community Psychology.....	3
RHS 110—Cross-Cultural Bridging Skills.....	2
RHS 120—Family Systems I.....	2
RHS 130—Processes of Community Change.....	2
RHS 140—Alaska Native Values and Principles.....	2
RHS 150—Introduction to Rural Counseling.....	2
RHS 220—Family Systems II.....	2
RHS 260—Addictions: Intervention and Treatment.....	2
RHS 265—Interpersonal Violence.....	2
RHS 270—Networking, Negotiating and Conflict Resolution.....	2
RHS 285—Case Management.....	2
RHS 290—Grief and Healing.....	2

SOC 242—The Family: A Cross-Cultural Perspective.....	3
SOC 301—Rural Sociology.....	3
PSY 370—Drugs and Drug Dependence.....	3
SWK 103—Introduction to Social Work.....	3
SWK 320W—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 154—Human Relations.....	3
ABUS 179—Fundamentals of Supervision.....	3
ABUS 232—Contemporary Management Issues.....	3
ACCT 261—Accounting Concepts and Uses I.....	3
ACCT 262—Accounting Concepts and Uses II.....	3
ACCT 414—Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting.....	3
ANS 310—The Alaska Native Lands Settlement.....	3
ANS 350W/O—Cross-Cultural Communication: Alaskan Perspectives.....	3
ANS/PS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives***.....	3
ANS/PS 450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies.....	3
BA 330—The Legal Environment of Business.....	4
CIO 111—Computer Software for Beginners.....	2
COMM 330—Intercultural Communication.....	3
COMM 335O—Organizational Communication.....	3
CS 101—Computers and Society.....	3
ECON 351—Public Finance.....	3
ENGL 212—Business, Grant, and Report Writing.....	3
ENGL 314W/O/2—Technical Writing.....	3
JUST 340—Rural Justice in Alaska.....	3
NRM 204—Public Lands Law and Policy.....	3
NRM 430/630—Resource Management Planning.....	3
PS 101—Introduction to American Government and Politics.....	3
PS 212—Introduction to Public Administration.....	3
PS 263—Alaska Native Politics***.....	3
PS/ANS 325—Native Self-Government.....	3
PS 403W—Public Policy.....	3
PS 462/NORS 662—Alaska Government and Politics.....	3
SOC/PSY 250—Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences.....	3
SOC 407O—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

\* Student must earn a C grade 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

1. Complete the following:  
RD 300—Rural Development in a Global Perspective..... 3  
RD electives at the 200-level or above..... 15
2. Minimum credits required.....18

## Baccalaureate Core Requirements

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

### COMMUNICATION (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X ..... (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
ENGL 190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X ..... (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete one of the following:

COMM 131X OR COMM 141X ..... (3) \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH 100X/SOC 100X ..... (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
ECON 100X OR PS 100X ..... (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
HIST 100X ..... (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
ENGL/FL 200X ..... (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X ..... (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X,  
PS 300X OR PHIL 322X ..... (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 103X, MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR STAT 200X ..... (3-4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.

OR complete one of the following:\*

MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X,  
MATH 262X OR MATH 272X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

### NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM 101X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL 100X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL 103X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL 104X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL 105X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL 106X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL 111X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL 112X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM 100X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM 103X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM 104X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM 105X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM 106X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOG 205X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOS 100X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOS 101X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOS 112X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOS 120X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOS 125X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
MSL 111X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 102X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 103X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 104X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 115X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 116X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 175X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 211X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 212X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS 213X ..... (4) \_\_\_\_\_

### LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0-1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR

LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing ..... (0-1) \_\_\_\_\_

### UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

Complete the following:

Two writing intensive courses designated (W) ..... (0) \_\_\_\_\_  
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) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED.....38-39**