

**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS**  
**Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan**  
**Rural Development BA**  
**2023-2024**  
**College of Indigenous Studies (CIS)**

| Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Intended Objectives/Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Assessment Criteria and Procedures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Implementation (what, when, who)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>MISSION STATEMENT:</b></p> <p>Empowering communities through our students</p> <p><b>GOAL STATEMENT:</b></p> <p>1. Provide a high quality interdisciplinary BA degree in Rural Development that serves as a model of innovation and flexibility in delivering distance education while building on UAF's status as America's premier arctic university.</p> <p>2. Educate our students in leadership, sustainability, governance, community planning, business and rural development, and integrated resource management.</p> | Students will demonstrate understanding of the tenets and practices of sustainable rural human, social, and economic development as an academic and practical discipline and how they relate to rural Alaska and Alaska Native community development.                                             | <p>Papers/Projects from RD 475 Senior Project will be evaluated annually using a prepared rubric.</p> <p>70% of senior projects will score Good or Outstanding in the faculty review.</p>                                                                                                                                                             | At least half of the senior projects and presentations will be reviewed and evaluated jointly by faculty in an annual meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Students will practice and apply essential tools for community leadership and development, including business planning, community-based research, community visioning and planning processes, Indigenous planning, integrated resource management, project management, and evaluation techniques. | <p>Papers/Projects from RD 475 Senior Project will be evaluated annually using prepared rubric.</p> <p>70% of senior projects will score Good or Outstanding in the faculty review.</p>                                                                                                                                                               | At least half of the senior projects and presentations will be reviewed and evaluated jointly by faculty in an annual meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Students will apply the information and skills learned in this degree in their community activities and employment.                                                                                                                                                                               | Graduate Exit Statement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | A Graduate Exit Statement will be collected from each graduate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>3. The Communications Learning Outcomes (CLO) state that UAF undergraduates will demonstrate effective communication when they are able to:</p> <p>1) Explain disciplinary content using a variety of modes of communication, including oral and written communication.</p> <p>2) Communicate to audiences in the discipline using appropriate disciplinary conventions.</p> <p>3) Translate disciplinary content to an audience outside the discipline as appropriate, making disciplinary knowledge</p>                       | Students will demonstrate culturally appropriate oral & written communications skills in a variety of contexts, including academic communication, policymaking communication, business communication, and communicating with community audiences.                                                 | <p>A baseline of written and oral communication skills will be collected in RD 225</p> <p>Oral and written communications skills will be assessed in RD 475</p> <p>70% of senior projects will score Good or Outstanding in the faculty review.</p> <p>70% of senior projects presentations will score Good or Outstanding in the faculty review.</p> | <p>RD 225 baseline will be collected by faculty</p> <p>At least half of the senior projects and presentations will be reviewed and evaluated jointly by faculty in an annual meeting.</p> <p>Data will be aggregated and compared by the department chair over time. A potential issue with this measurement is that students go through the program at significantly varying speeds. However, over time the information should show trends that will be helpful.</p> |

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| relevant to broader communities.<br>4) Integrate feedback from others to enhance or revise communication. |  |  |  |
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