

# Rural Development



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**Degree: B.A., M.A.**  
**Minimum Requirements for Degrees: B.A.: 120 credits; M.A.: 30 credits**

Rural Development degree programs are designed to educate a new generation of community leaders for rural Alaska. The department offers B.A. and M.A. degrees in rural development. These degrees 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 six areas: community organization and service, community research and cultural documentation, land/renewable resources, rural health and human services management, small business management, or tribal and local government administration.

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.

Special application requirements and deadlines apply for distance B.A. degree and M.A. degree programs. For more information contact the department toll-free 1-800-770-9531 or visit our website.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

### MAJOR

Rural Development—B.A. Degree

**Concentrations: Community Organization and Service, Community Research and Cultural Documentation, Land/Renewable Resources, Rural Health and Human Services Management, Small Business Management, Tribal and Local Government Administration**

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 28).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 33).
3. Complete the following:\*
  - RD 300—Rural Development in a Global Perspective ..... 3
  - RD 325—Community Development Strategies ..... 3
  - RD 350O—Community Research Techniques ..... 3
  - RD 351—Community Planning and Grant Writing Techniques ..... 3
  - RD 400—Rural Development Internship ..... 3
  - RD 450—Managing Community Development Programs ..... 3
  - RD 475W—Rural Development Senior Project ..... 3
  - RD elective ..... 6
  - RD, ANS or ED electives ..... 3
4. Complete 1 of the following concentrations:\*\*

### Community Organization and Service

- a. Complete 24 credits from the following:
  - ABUS 154—Human Relations ..... 3
  - ABUS 179—Fundamentals of Supervision ..... 3
  - ABUS 231—Introduction to Personnel ..... 3
  - ABUS 232—Contemporary Management Issues ..... 3
  - ANS 350W,O—Cross Cultural Communication: Alaskan Perspectives 3
  - ANS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives ..... 3
  - COMM 330—Intercultural Communication ..... 3
  - ENGL 314W,O/2—Technical Writing ..... 3
  - PSY 101—Introduction to Psychology ..... 3
  - PSY 240—Lifespan Developmental Psychology ..... 3
  - PSY 310—Cross-Cultural Psychology ..... 3
  - PSY 445W—Community Psychology ..... 3
  - SOC 101—Introduction to Sociology ..... 3
  - SOC 201—Social Problems ..... 3
  - SOC 242—The Family: A Cross-Cultural Perspective ..... 3
  - SOC 310—Sociology of Later Life ..... 3
  - SOC 370—Drugs and Drug Dependence ..... 3
  - SWK 103—Introduction to Social Work ..... 3
  - SWK 306W—Social Welfare: Policies and Issues ..... 3
  - SWK 320—Rural Social Work ..... 3
  - Approved electives ..... 3 or more

*Note: Community organization and service is designed for individuals who are interested in becoming involved with community level service organizations and programs.*



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**Community Research and Cultural Documentation**

- a. Complete 24 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
  - CIOS 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 349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English Translation) ..... 3
  - HIST 250—Alaska History for Local Historians ..... 3
  - HIST 470W—Researching and Writing Alaska 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
  - MSM 211—Fundamentals of Museum Studies I ..... 3
  - MSM 212—Fundamentals of Museum Studies II ..... 3
  - MSM 311—Museum Administration ..... 3
  - MSM 312—Museum Collection Management ..... 3
  - RD 425—Cultural Impact Analysis ..... 3
  - SOC 250—Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences ..... 3
  - SOC/SWK 473W—Social Science Research Methods ..... 3
  - Approved electives ..... 3 or more

*Note: Community research and cultural documentation is designed for individuals interested in becoming involved in accessing, organizing and disseminating information at the community level, particularly through community information centers.*

**Land/Renewable Resources**

- a. Complete 24 credits from the following:
  - ABUS 223—Real Estate Law ..... 3
  - ANS 310—The Alaska Native Lands Settlement ..... 3
  - ANS 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 277—Introduction to Conservation Biology ..... 3
  - CIOS 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 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—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 303—Wildlife Management Techniques ..... 3
  - Approved electives ..... 3 or more

*Note: Land/renewable resources is designed for individuals interested in becoming involved in the management of village corporation lands.*





**Rural Health and Human Services Management**

a. Complete 24 credits from the following:
ABUS 154—Human Relations ..... 3
ABUS 179—Fundamentals of Supervision ..... 3
ABUS 231—Introduction to Personnel ..... 3
ANS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives ..... 3
ENGL 314W,O/2—Technical Writing ..... 3
HSV 120—Cultural Diversity in Human Service ..... 3
HSV 125—Introduction to Addictive Processes ..... 3
HSV 205—Basic Principles of Group Counseling ..... 3
HSV 210—Crisis and Grief Counseling ..... 3
HSV 215—Individual Interviewing ..... 3
HSV 250—Current Issues in Human Service ..... 3
HSV 301O—Ethics in Human Service ..... 3
HSV 305—Substance Abuse Counseling ..... 3
JUST 340—Rural Justice in Alaska ..... 3
PS 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
SOC 370—Drugs and Drug Dependence ..... 3
SWK 103—Introduction to Social Work ..... 3
SWK 320—Rural Social Work ..... 3

Approved electives ..... 6 or more

Note: Rural health and human services management is designed for individuals interested in management in rural health and human services fields (regional or local health corporations, tribal governments and social service providers).

**Small Business Management**

a. Complete 24 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 ..... 3
ABUS 272—Small Business Planning ..... 3
ABUS 273—Managing a Small Business ..... 3
ABUS 101—Principles of Financial Accounting I ..... 3
ABUS 102—Principles of Financial Accounting II ..... 3
ANS 310—The Alaska Native Lands Settlement ..... 3
ANS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives ..... 3
BA 151—Introduction to Business ..... 3
CIOS 111—Computer Software for Beginners ..... 2
CIOS 264—Filing/Records Management ..... 3
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 407—Formal Organization ..... 3
Approved electives ..... 6 or more

Note: Small business management is designed for individuals interested in becoming involved in the management of ANCSA village corporations and related community-based enterprises.



**Tribal and Local Government Administration**

a. Complete 24 credits from the following:

ABUS 101—Principles of Financial Accounting I .....	3
ABUS 102—Principles of Financial Accounting II .....	3
ABUS 154—Human Relations .....	3
ABUS 179—Fundamentals of Supervision .....	3
ABUS 232—Contemporary Management Issues .....	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 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives .....	3
ANS 450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies .....	3
BA 330—The Legal Environment of Business .....	4
CIOS 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—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 325—Native Self-Government .....	3
PS 403W—Public Policy .....	3
PS 462—Alaska Government and Politics .....	3
SOC 250—Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences .....	3
SOC 407—Formal Organization .....	3
Approved electives .....	3 or more
5. Minimum credits required .....	120

*Note: Tribal and local government administration is designed for individuals interested in becoming involved in the administration of municipal cities or tribal governments.*

*\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.*

*\*\* Elective credits may also fulfill the humanities, social science, 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.*

**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

**GRADUATE PROGRAM**

**Rural Development—M.A. Degree**

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 43).	
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 46).	
3. Complete the following core courses:	
RD 600—Circumpolar Indigenous Leadership Symposium .....	3
RD 601—Political Economy of the Circumpolar North .....	3
RD 625—Community Development Strategies: Principles and Practices .....	3
RD 650—Community-Based Research Methods .....	3
RD 651—Management Strategies for Rural Development .....	3
4. Complete 9-12 elective credits at the 600-level (up to 6 credits may be at the 400-level with approval from the graduate committee):	
RD 425—Cultural Impact Analysis .....	3
RD 652—Indigenous Organization Management .....	3
RD 655—Circumpolar Health Issues .....	3
GEOG 637—Geography of Northern Development .....	3
ANS 650—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies .....	3
NORS 606—Science, Technology and Development in Northern Regions	3
ANTH 610—Northern Indigenous Peoples and Contemporary Issues	3
NORS 630—Economic Issues of the Circumpolar North	
NORS 649—Comparative Government and Politics in the Circumpolar North .....	3
CCS 608—Indigenous Knowledge Systems .....	3
5. Complete 1 of the following:	
Research Project .....	6
Thesis .....	6-9
6. Minimum credits required .....	30

