

Rural Development

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M.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 30 credits

The Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development (DANRD) 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 our website at <http://danrd.dist-ed.uaf.edu/>.

Graduate Program—M.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 166).
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 170).
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

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2004-2005 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.

