

# RURAL DEVELOPMENT

College of Rural and Community Development  
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## BA 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 BA degree can be earned either on the Fairbanks campus or through distance delivery. Special application requirements and deadlines apply for distance BA degree programs.

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, 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 nonprofits, and state/federal agencies.

Within the BA degree program, students will select and develop a concentration in one of five areas:

- The **community health and wellness** concentration is for students with a strong interest in health and wellness. Students focus on the various facets of a healthy rural community. Going beyond the basics of health care, they explore different aspects of wellness within a community and develop tools to attain community wellness goals. Students blend and apply both contemporary and traditional health and wellness tools. Graduates may find employment with tribal governments, health consortia, clinics and schools.
- The **community research and indigenous knowledge** concentration is for students with interests in applied research involving 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 to do ethnographies, oral histories, community surveys and needs assessments, and archival research. Graduates may find employment with museums, ANCSA corporations, tribal governments, and state and federal agencies.
- The concentration in **indigenous organization management** is designed for students interested in development and operations of indigenous organizations in rural Alaska. Students develop an understanding of the history and constitutional basis for tribal governance, basics of federal Indian law, principles and practices of self-determination, and the mandates of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. They develop skills in planning, budgeting and human resources management. Students can pursue a special interest, such as management of health programs, tribal governance programs or Alaska Native corporations, and tailor the concentration to these specifications through choice of related courses and electives. Graduates may find employment with tribal and municipal governments and organizations, ANCSA corporations, and state and federal agencies.
- The **natural resource development** concentration is designed for students with an interest in land and resources development, co-management and conservation. Students learn about traditional ecological knowledge, principles of natural resources management and policy, adaptive management, conservation and ecotourism, and skills for effective public/private/tribal collaboration in resource management. Management strategies for addressing climate change are explored. Graduates may find employment

with ANCSA corporations, regional and tribal entities, or state and federal agencies.

- The concentration in **rural community business and economic development planning** is for students interested in creating sustainable economies in 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.

For more information contact the department toll-free at 888-574-6528 or visit our website: [www.uaf.edu/danrd/](http://www.uaf.edu/danrd/).

## Major — BA Degree

**Concentrations: Community Health and Wellness; Community Research and Indigenous Knowledge; Indigenous Organization Management; Natural Resource Development; or Rural Community Business and Economic Development Planning.**

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 129).
2. Complete the BA degree requirements (page 133).
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 Health and Wellness**  
Complete 21 credits from the following:\*\*\*

ANS F242—Native Cultures of Alaska .....	3
ANS F275—Yup'ik Practices in Spirituality and Philosophy .....	3
ANS F330—Yup'ik Parenting and Child Development (Kuskokwim Campus only) .....	1–3
ANS F348W—Native North American Women .....	3
ANS F350W,O—Cross Cultural Communication: Alaskan Perspectives .....	3
ANS/ED F370—Issues in Alaska Bilingual and Multicultural Education.....	1
ANS/ED F420—Alaska Native Education.....	3
ANS F461—Native Ways of Knowing .....	3
EBOT F100—Introduction to Ethnobotany.....	3
HUMS F260—History of Alcohol in Alaska.....	1
HUMS F263—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).....	1
HUMS F264—Culture, Chemical Dependency and Alaska Natives.....	1
HUMS F265—Substance Abuse and the Family .....	1
HUMS F280—Prevention and Community Development .....	3
RD F401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders.....	3
RD F462—Rural Health and Human Service Systems.....	3
RD F465—Community Healing and Wellness.....	3
RD F470/670—The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Pre-1971 to present.....	3
RD F492—Rural Development Leadership Seminar .....	1–3
RHS; any advisor-approved courses .....	varies
RNS F120—Alaska Native Food Systems.....	3
TM F114—Tribal Justice in Tribal Court.....	1
TM F116—Juvenile Justice in Tribal Court .....	1
TM F117—Tribal Court Enforcement of Decisions.....	1
TM F118—Tribal Community and Restorative Justice .....	1

## Community Research and Indigenous Knowledge

Complete 21 credits from the following:\*\*\*

ANL F256—Introduction to Alaska Native Languages: History, Status and Maintenance.....	3
ANL F287—Teaching Methods for Alaska Native Languages.....	3
ANL F315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut.....	3
ANL F316—Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages.....	3
ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance.....	3
ANS F242—Native Cultures of Alaska.....	3
ANS F275—Yup'ik Practices in Spirituality and Philosophy.....	3
ANS F315—Tribal People Development.....	3
ANS/ANTH F320W—Language and Culture in Alaska.....	3
EBOT F200—Seminar in Ethnobotany.....	1
HIST F446—American Indian History.....	3
HIST F490W—Researching and Writing North American History.....	3
NORS F470—Oral Sources: Issues in Documentation.....	3
NORS F484W,O—Seminar in Northern Studies.....	3
RD F110—Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Land Claims in the 21st Century.....	1
RD F265—Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska.....	3
RD F268—Rural Tourism: Planning and Principles.....	3
RD F280—Resource Management Research Techniques.....	3
RD F401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders.....	3
RD F425—Cultural Resource Issues.....	3
RD F430—Indigenous Economic Development and Entrepreneurship.....	3
RD F470—The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Pre-1971 to present.....	3
RD F492—Rural Development Leadership Seminar (may earn up to six credits).....	1-3

## Indigenous Organization Management

Complete 21 credits from the following:\*\*\*

ABUS F232—Contemporary Management Issues.....	3
ABUS F263—Public Relations.....	3
ABUS F273—Managing a Small Business.....	3
ANS F310—Indigenous Land Settlements.....	3
ANS F325—Native Self Government.....	3
ANS/PS F425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives.....	3
ANS F450—Comparative Indigenous Rights and Policies.....	3
BA F307—Introductory Human Resources Management.....	3
BA F317W—Employment Law.....	3
BA F457—Training and Management Development.....	3
NORS/PS F205—Leadership, Citizenship and Choice.....	3
NRM F101—Natural Resources Conservation Policy.....	3
NRM F464—Wilderness Management.....	3
RD F280—Resource Management Research Techniques.....	3
RD F401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders.....	3
RD F427—Tribal Contracting and Compacting.....	3
RD F430—Indigenous Economic Development and Entrepreneurship.....	3
RD F451—Human Resource Management for Indigenous Communities.....	3
RD F460—Women and Development.....	3
RD F492—Rural Development Leadership Seminar (may earn up to six credits).....	1-3
TM F101—Introduction to Tribal Government.....	3
TM F105—Introduction to Tribal Finance Applications.....	3
TM F120—Introduction to Tribal Natural Resource Management.....	3
TM F130—Introduction to Utility Management.....	2
TM F201—Advance Tribal Government.....	3
TM F205—Advanced Tribal Finance Applications.....	3
TM F225—Cross Connections: Adapting and Integrating Principles of Management Conservation.....	3

## Natural Resource Development

Complete 21 credits from the following:\*\*\*

ABUS F158—Introduction to Tourism.....	1-3
AMIT F101—Introduction to Mining.....	3

EBOT F100—Introduction to Ethnobotany.....	3
EBOT F200—Seminar in Ethnobotany.....	1
ENVI F101—Introduction to Environmental Science.....	3
FISH F101—Introduction to Fisheries.....	3
FISH F261—Introduction to Fisheries Utilization.....	3
HLRM F120—History of Domesticated Alaskan Ungulates.....	1
HLRM F140—High Latitude Range Management.....	2
NRM F101—Natural Resources Conservation and Policy.....	3
NRM F453—Harvesting and Utilization of Forest Products.....	3
NRM F461—Interpretive Services.....	3
NRM F464—Wilderness Management.....	3
RD F245—Fisheries Development in Rural Alaska.....	3
RD F255—Rural Alaska Land Issues.....	3
RD F265—Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska.....	3
RD F268—Rural Tourism: Planning and Principles.....	3
RD F280—Resource Management Research Techniques.....	3
RD F425—Cultural Resource Issues.....	3
RD F430—Indigenous Economic Development and Entrepreneurship.....	3
RD F492—Rural Development Leadership Seminar (may earn up to six credits).....	1-3
TM F120—Introduction to Tribal Natural Resource Management.....	3
TM F170—Fundamentals of Rural Transportation.....	4
TM F225—Cross Connections: Adapting and Integrating Principles of Management Conservation.....	3
TM F271—Rural Transportation Planning.....	1

## Rural Community Business and Economic Development Planning

Complete 21 credits from the following:\*\*\*

ABUS F101—Principles of Accounting I.....	3
ABUS F151—Village Based Entrepreneurship.....	1-3
ABUS F154—Human Relations.....	3
ABUS F155—Business Math.....	1-3
ABUS F161—Personal and Business Finance.....	3
ABUS F272—Small-Business Planning.....	3
AMIT F101—Introduction to Mining.....	3
ANS/RD F315—Tribal People and Development.....	3
ANS F325—Native Self Government.....	3
ANS/PS F450—Comparative Indigenous Rights and Policies.....	3
CM F201—Construction Project Management.....	3
CM F202—Project Planning and Scheduling.....	3
NRM F101—Natural Resources Conservation and Policy.....	3
RD F110—Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Land Claims in the 21st Century.....	1
RD F250—Grant Writing for Community Development.....	1-3
RD F268—Rural Tourism: Planning and Principles.....	3
RD F427—Tribal Contracting and Compacting.....	3
RD F460—Women and Development.....	3
RD F470/670—The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Pre-1971 to present.....	3
RD F492—Rural Development Leadership Seminar (may earn up to six credits).....	1-3
TM F170—Fundamentals of Rural Transportation.....	4
TM F171—Introduction to the Indian Reservation Roads Program.....	1

6. Minimum credits required.....120

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

\*\* Concentration area and elective credits may also fulfill the humanities, social science or mathematics general requirements for the BA degree. Prerequisites are required for many of these courses; however, prerequisites do not apply to the credit requirement.

\*\*\* Recommended courses. Course substitutions relevant to the concentration area may be made with approval of the Rural Development faculty advisor.

## Minor

1. Complete the following:  
Any three-credit RD course at the 300 level or above.....3  
RD electives at the F200 level or above.....12
2. Minimum credits required.....15