

Rural Development M.A.

Program Requirements

Catalog Department Overview # (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/academic-departments/alaska-native-studies/>)

Minimum Requirements for Rural Development M.A.: 30 credits

		Credits
General University Requirements		
Complete the graduate general university requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#gurmastersdegreestext)		
Master's Degree Requirements		
Complete the master's degree requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#typesofmastersdegrees)		
Rural Development Program Requirements		
Complete the following:		
RD F600	Indigenous Leadership Symposium	3
RD F601	Political Economy of the Circumpolar North	3
RD F625	Community Development Strategies: Principles and Practices	3
RD F650	Community-based Research Methods	3
RD F651	Management Strategies for Rural Development	3
RD F691	Seminar in Rural, Community and Indigenous Development Issues	3
Option		
Complete one of the following:		12
Non-Research Option		
Research Option		
Total Credits		30

Options

Non-Research Option

		Credits
Complete the following:		
12 units RD Electives; or other courses approved by the department ^{1,2}		12
Receive a passing grade on a written comprehensive exam in conjunction with the completion of RD F691.		

¹ Up to 6 credits may be at the F400 level with approval from the graduate advisor.

² Any F600-level RD course may be used as an elective.

Research Option

		Credits
Complete the following:		
RD F698	Non-thesis Research/Project	6
or RD F699	Thesis	
6 units RD electives; or other courses approved by the advisory committee. ^{2,3}		6

Receive a passing grade on a written comprehensive exam in conjunction with the completion of RD F691

Complete and submit a written thesis or project and pass an oral defense of the thesis or project.

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Admission Requirements

Complete the following general university admission requirements for graduate programs (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/getting-started/admission/#graduatedegree>):

1. Submit an application for admission
2. Submit official transcripts
3. Official test results: GRE scores are neither required nor considered for this program
4. Submit resume/curriculum vitae
5. Submit statement of academic goals
6. Submit 2 letters of recommendation

International Students: Please consult UAF's most recent application requirements regarding English language proficiency (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/getting-started/admission/#english>).

Additional program admission requirements and information:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

Roadmaps

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Roadmaps provide suggested semester-by-semester study plans for programs and are based on full-time enrollment, unless otherwise specified.

- This roadmap should be used in conjunction with regular academic advising sessions. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor or mentor each semester.
- Certain courses and milestones must be completed in the specified semester to ensure on-time graduation.
- Transfer credits may affect the roadmap.
- Requirements, course availability, and sequencing may change.
- Courses marked with (*) are recommended.

Non-Research Option

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RD F600 ²⁰	3 RD F650 ²⁰	3
RD F601 ²⁰	3 RD F651 ²⁰	3
RD F625 ²⁰	3 Program Elective	3
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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Program Elective	3 RD F691 ²⁰	3
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Total Credits 30**Footnote Definitions**

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1—Communication	8—Alaska Native-themed	20—Program Requirement
2—Arts	9—Communication	21—Capstone Requirement
3—Humanities	10—Computation	22—Concentration Course
4—Social Sciences	11—Ethics	23—General Elective
5—Additional Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences	12—Humanities	24—Minor Course
6—Mathematics	13—Human Relations	25—Upper Division
7—Natural Sciences	14—Humanities or Social Sciences	26—Program Elective
	15—Library & Information Research	
	16—Mathematics	
	17—Natural Sciences	
	18—Other	
	19—Social Sciences	

Research Option**First Year**

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RD F600 ²⁰	3 RD F650 ²⁰	3
RD F601 ²⁰	3 RD F651 ²⁰	3
RD F625 ²⁰	3 Program Elective	3
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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RD F698 or F699 ¹⁸	3 RD F691 ²⁰	3
Program Elective	3 RD F698 or F699 ¹⁸	3
	Receive a passing grade on a written comprehensive exam in conjunction with the completion of RD F691.	

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Learning Outcomes

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Learning Outcomes are specific, measurable statements that define the knowledge and skills students will gain by the end of the program.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Be hired in their communities and regions in the fields of rural and community development or will be advanced in their employment status if already employed, or will continue on to further graduate or professional education
- Express overall satisfaction with course content, and with the program's emphasis on community development, management and administration in indigenous and northern communities
- Develop capacities for effective oral and written communication including use of best available computer hardware and software; they will use the network built up during their studies to connect with international and national issues and apply their knowledge across the Arctic