Rural Development M.A.

Program Requirements

< Back to Department (https://catalog.uaf.edu/academic-departments/alaska-native-studies/)

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

Code	Title	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
Path		
Complete one of the following:		12
Non-research Path		
Research Path		
Total Credits		**30**

Paths

Non-research Path

Code	Title	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 Path

Code	Title	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.

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

[3] Up to 6 credits may be at the F400 level with approval from the graduate advisory committee.

Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

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

Learning Outcomes

< Back to Department (https://catalog.uaf.edu/academic-departments/alaska-native-studies/)

Learning Outcomes are measurable statements that describe knowledge or skills achieved by students upon completion of the program.

Students graduating from 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