

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A minor in community development at North Dakota State University provides a program of study for students interested in complementing their major with community development skills. Any major can be complemented with community development training, particularly agricultural economics, agriculture, business administration, communication, economics, education, political science, psychology or sociology.

The Program

The community development minor is an applied, multidisciplinary minor consisting of 18 credits that expose students to both academic and experiential aspects of community and economic development. The minor includes a core of community development course work and elective course work in three areas related to community and economic development—economics, business administration and social science.

The Purpose

The purpose of the minor is to prepare students to (1) integrate community development concepts into their own occupations and academic majors; (2) recognize the relationships of social, economic and demographic change on community viability and sustainability; and (3) take a more active role in the affairs of their own communities.

Internship Program

Internships are recommended and may be arranged with Gary Goreham (Department of Sociology and Anthropology), Robert Hearne (Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics) or Joseph M. Jones (College of Business). Internships can be taken in a variety of settings, such as public community and economic development agencies at the state, county or local level; private for-profit development corporations; or non-profit organizations.

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Community Development Minor Requirements

Required Courses	Credits	
SOC 404	Community Assessment	3
SOC 405	Community Development	3
Economic Electives – Select at least one course from the following: (3 credits)		
AGEC 220	World Agricultural Development	
AGEC 350	Agrisales	
AGEC/BUSN 347	Principles of Real Estate	
AGEC/BUSN 474	Cooperatives	
ECON 341	Intermediate Microeconomics	
ECON 461	Economic Development	
ECON 470	Public Economics	
ECON 472	International Trade	
ECON 481	Natural Resource Economics	
Business Administration Electives – Select at least one course from the following: (3 credits)		
ACCT 102	Fundamentals of Accounting	
ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	
ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	
BUSN 430	Legal and Social Environment of Business	
BUSN 431	Business Law I-Contracts, Property and Torts	
BUSN 432	Business Law II-Business Organization and Commercial Transactions	
BUSN 487	Managerial Economics	
FIN 320	Principles of Finance	
FIN 410	Investment Analysis and Management	
FIN 430	Management of Financial Institutions	
MGMT 301	Management for Non-Business Majors	
MGMT 430	Leadership in Organizations	
MGMT 453	Understanding and Managing Diversity in Organizations	
MGMT 470	Entrepreneurship/Small Business Management	
MGMT 471	Leading the Nonprofit Organization	
MRKT 301	Marketing for Non-Business Majors	
MRKT 450	Marketing Research	
Social Science Electives – Select at least one course from the following: (3 credits)		
COMM 200	Introduction to Media Writing	
COMM 472	Public Relations Campaigns	
EMGT 101	Emergencies, Disasters, and Catastrophes	
EMGT 264	Disaster Recovery	
EMGT 461	Business Continuity and Crisis Management	
GEOG 455	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
POLS 360	Principles of Public Administration	
SOC 431	Environmental Sociology	
SOC 439	Social Change	
SOC 465	Applied Demographics	
SOC/BUSN/ ECON 196	Field Experience (or 296, 396, 496; no more than 3 credits)	
SOC/BUSN/ ECON 199	Special Topics (or 299, 399, 499; no more than 3 credits)	
Select one additional course from the above categories		3
Total Credits		18

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