Community Development

Interinstitutional Graduate Program

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Participating Institutions:
- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- University of Nebraska
- North Dakota State University
- South Dakota State University

Community Development deals with challenges faced by communities in the United States and other countries, particularly those in rural areas. Global economic restructuring and the devolution of government services have produced an environment in which Community Developers are called on to think and act in innovative ways.

Community Development is a progressive field, actively promoting positive social, economic, cultural and environmental change. It encourages people to see the “whole picture,” engaging citizens in democratic decision making and action.

Community Development is an inter-institutional distance education program offered through the Web. The student selects a home institution, which grants the degree. After admission at the home institution, the student takes courses from each of the six institutions: Iowa State University, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska, North Dakota State University, and South Dakota State University.

At Iowa State University, Community Development is an optional area of specialization within the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies degree program that consists of 37 semester credits for completion of the program. A thesis or creative component is required. A computer with minimum specifications, Web access, and an email address are required for completing the program.

Registration

Students choosing to receive their degree from Iowa State University complete all the admissions, registration and fee payment processes through ISU.