RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD)

RD F100  The University Experience  (a)
3 Credits
Designed to serve as an academic, cultural, and social transition to the UAF campus. Through learner-centered education and emphasis on positive self-concept theories, RD F100 will provide an opportunity to build on personal strengths and skills, as well as learning to take advantage of those resources and support programs which will serve rural and Alaska Native students and aid in a successful transition to college life.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F110  Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Land Claims in the 21st Century  (a)
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
Familiarize students with the land claims process and important Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act content, with focus on contemporary situations and explanation of land claims processes ongoing or recently completed in locations outside Alaska.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

RD F200X  Rural Development in the North  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Examines sustainable community development efforts in Alaska and the circumpolar North. Provides an overview of community development processes and case studies with an emphasis on indigenous communities and peoples.
Attributes: UAF GER Social Sciences Req
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F245  Fisheries and Marine Wildlife Development in Rural Alaska  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Uneven Numbered Years
Introduction to fisheries development issues in rural Alaska communities, including basic concepts, strategies and contemporary cases. Topics include management of salmon and other fisheries, community development quotas and sustainable development efforts. Emphasis on environmental and cultural impacts of fisheries development and how management in marine waters affects inland fisheries.
Prerequisites: ENGL F111X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F250  Grant Writing for Community Development  (a)
1-3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Basic elements of grant proposals and processes of preparing proposals for governmental and private funding sources. Emphasis on applied skills through preparation of actual grant proposals.
Prerequisite: ENGL F111X or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-3 + 0 + 0

RD F250P  Grant Writing for Community Development  
1-3 Credits
Basic elements of grant proposals and processes of preparing proposals for governmental and private funding sources. Emphasis on applied skills through preparation of actual grant proposals.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-3 + 0 + 0

RD F255  Rural Alaska Land Issues  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Introduction to land and resource management issues affecting rural Alaska. Provides a history of aboriginal use and occupancy of land and an overview of land provisions in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Topics include using maps and land records, Native allotments, navigability, trespass and management of Native lands.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F265  Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska  (a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
The socioeconomic, cultural, legal and political dimensions of subsistence in Alaska.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F268  Rural Tourism: Planning and Principles  (a)
1-3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Introduction to rural tourism planning and principles. Students examine rural tourism attractions and trends, tourism planning and policy formation, quality standards, and cultural and environmental impacts of tourism.
Cross-listed with ABUS F268.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-3 + 0 + 0

RD F280  Resource Management Research Techniques  (a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Overview of standard methods of field-based scientific research conducted by resource management agencies in rural Alaska including elementary statistical concepts, survey techniques and tools used in land and renewable resources research.
Prerequisites: NRM F101 and BIOL F104X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F300  Rural Development in a Global Perspective  (W, s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Relationship between rural communities and the global economy, with an emphasis on sustainable development. Highlights the multiple meanings of "development" and issues of population growth, environmental change, gender and indigenous peoples as they relate to rural development. Includes an introduction to the basic concepts and theories of development.
Prerequisites: ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; junior standing; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F315  Tribal People and Development  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Comparative examination of socioeconomic development processes on tribal peoples in third and fourth world societies. Attention to implications of these processes for Alaska Native people.
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.
Cross-listed with ANS F315.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
RD F325 Community Development Strategies (s, a) 
3 Credits 
Offered Fall 
Principles and strategies of asset-based development in rural communities throughout the world. Explores the history of community development ideas and case studies of specific strategies in Alaska and beyond. Topics include community healing, economic renewal and collaborative decision-making approaches. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F350 Community Research in Indigenous Contexts (O, a) 
3 Credits 
Offered Fall 
Community research approaches and techniques. Emphasis on the role and need for community-based research and ethical issues associated with it. Students use a hands-on approach to learn about oral history documentation, surveys of community assets and needs, and basic community survey techniques. 
Prerequisites: COMM F131X or COMM F141X. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F351 Strategic Planning for Rural Communities (a) 
3 Credits 
Offered Spring 
Examination of the major components of planning and grant writing processes as they relate to community land use, business and social service projects. 
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F352 Rural Business Planning and Proposal Development (a) 
3 Credits 
Offered Spring 
Provides undergraduate students with an understanding of the principles and processes involved in strategic planning, business planning and proposal development with the focus on applications in rural Alaska. Focus is on meeting the unique planning needs of rural Alaska communities and organizations. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F400 Rural Development Internship (a) 
3 Credits 
Structured experience in an appropriate agency or corporate setting. Student and instructor work collaboratively to identify appropriate internship. Intended to provide students with on-the-job experience to enhance skills acquired via course work. Approved internship position required and student must discuss internship position with their advisor at least one full semester in advance of when they intend to take the course. Enrollment only by prior arrangement with the instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F401 Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders (h, a) 
3 Credits 
Offered Fall 
Study with prominent Native tradition-bearers in Native philosophies, values and oral traditions. Traditional knowledge elicited through the cultural heritage documentation process. Analysis of existing interactions between cultural traditions and contemporary American life as experienced by Native elders. 
Cross-listed with ANS F401. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F425 Cultural Resource Issues (s, a) 
3 Credits 
Offered As Demand Warrants 
An examination of the potential impacts of development projects on cultural systems. Explores data gathering, analytical techniques and use of impact data. 
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F427 Tribal Contracting and Compacting (a) 
3 Credits 
Offered As Demand Warrants 
Examines the history of federal Indian policy that led to self-determination tribal contracting and compacting. Public Law 93-638 will be studied and analyzed. Challenging issues that hampered tribal contracting will be identified. Case studies involving both tribal organizations and tribal governments will be studied. Current issues, such as the proposed regionalization of tribes for the purpose of contracting and compacting, will be examined. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F430 Indigenous Economic Development and Entrepreneurship (a) 
3 Credits 
Offered As Demand Warrants 
An understanding of the principles, strategies and practices of economic development and entrepreneurship with a focus on indigenous Alaska communities. Focus is on those sustainable economics, through culturally appropriate practices. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F450 Managing Rural Projects and Programs (a) 
3 Credits 
Offered Fall 
Examines appropriate management and accountability approaches for community-based programs and projects, particularly those found in rural and/or cross-cultural contexts. 
Prerequisites: RD F350 and RD F351 or permission of instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F451 Human Resource Management for Indigenous Communities (a) 
3 Credits 
Offered Fall 
Provides an understanding of the principles and processes involved in human resource management especially as they apply within indigenous communities. Focus is on the relevance of human resource management in every unit, project or team, and on the unique human resource management needs of rural Alaska communities and organizations and how they can be met. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0 

RD F460 Women and Development (s, a) 
3 Credits 
Offered As Demand Warrants 
The effect of modernization and development processes on the role of women in a variety of Third World and tribal world contexts as well as the increasingly important "new" role women play in these complex processes. 
Cross-listed with WGS F460. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
RD F462  Rural Health and Human Service Systems  (a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Examine U.S. federal and state rural health and human service systems with specific emphasis on the tribal system in Alaska. The history, organization, work force, service delivery and financing of the U.S. and Canadian and Alaska systems are examined. Circumpolar challenges and policy issues in rural health and human service systems are explored.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F465  Community Healing and Wellness  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
The history of education and the impact of religion and assimilation policies on the emotional and physical health of Alaska Natives and their communities. Traditional wellness issues and systems will also be researched from a global perspective.
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F470  The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Pre-1971 to Present
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Overview and analysis of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. An in-depth examination of the land claims movement of the 1960s and resulting legislative process. Firsthand accounts from Native leaders will be featured. Case studies describing challenges of individual Native villages and regions. Contemporary issues facing ANCSA corporations will be examined. Stacked with RD F670
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F475  Rural Development Senior Project  (W, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Under faculty supervision, the student will complete a major theoretical, research and/or applied project which relates to the student’s applied emphasis area.
Prerequisites: ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; senior standing; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F492  Rural Development Seminar  (a)
1-3 Credits
Various topics of current interest and importance to the rural development majors. Topics announced prior to each offering. Topics may include: indigenous peoples leadership, legislative process, cultural documentation, National Park Service policies, climate change, and/or co-management of natural resources. Students may take up to three Rural Development seminars on different topics for credit with prior approval. Enrollment priority given to rural development majors.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-3 + 0 + 0

RD F492P  Rural Development Seminar
1-3 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

RD F600  Circumpolar Indigenous Leadership Symposium  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Intensive face-to-face graduate seminar over a week-long period. Held every fall either in Fairbanks or Anchorage. This is a cornerstone course for all M.A. students in the program. The content focuses on indigenous leadership and includes presentations by practitioners from throughout Alaska and the circumpolar North. It also presents an orientation in depth to the graduate program. This course may be repeated once for elective credit. Note: RD F600 is required of all graduate students in the Rural Development program. May be repeated once for credit.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F601  Political Economy of the Circumpolar North  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Interrelationships among rural communities in the circumpolar North and global socioeconomic, political and ecological systems. Includes major theoretical advances in our understanding of development in the 20th century. Uses a comparative case study approach to understand rapid socioeconomically and cultural change in the north.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F608  Indigenous Knowledge Systems  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
A comparative survey and analysis of the epistemological properties, world views and modes of transmission associated with various indigenous knowledge systems. Emphasis on knowledge systems practiced in Alaska.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or approval of instructor.
Cross-listed with CCS F608; ED F608; ANL F608.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F612  Traditional Ecological Knowledge  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Examines the acquisition and utilization of knowledge associated with long-term inhabitation of particular ecological systems and adaptations that arise from the accumulation of such knowledge. Attention will be given to the contemporary significance of traditional ecological knowledge as a complement to academic fields of study.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or approval of the instructor.
Cross-listed with CCS F612.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F625  Community Development Strategies: Principles and Practices  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Provides graduate students with a detailed overview of principles and strategies of community development in rural Alaska and throughout the circumpolar North. Through in-depth case studies, it expands on materials and topics covered in Rural Development undergraduate courses on community development to explore how rural communities in diverse cultural, political and economic setting can build on local assets, skills and capacities to improve the lives of indigenous and other Northern residents.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
RD F650  Community-Based Research Methods  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
This graduate course provides students with opportunities for advanced exploration of community-based research principles and practices. In the course, emphasis is placed on developing a thorough understanding of the community research process from conceptualization to implementation and evaluation. It includes skill development of skills applicable to both quantitative and qualitative research.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F651  Management Strategies for Rural Development  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Provides an overview of the management by change and development within indigenous communities in the Circumpolar North. Looks closely at recent management strategies implemented in Alaska such as co-management of renewable resources, land management of Alaska Native corporations, cultural resource management, and the management of Alaska Native tribal governments, corporations and other organizations. Uses comparative case studies and effects of cultural and traditional values on management practices in different northern socio-cultural environments.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F652  Indigenous Organization Management  (a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Purposes, structure and methods of management of particularly Northern indigenous organizations. The management of Alaska Native organizations will be compared with formal organizations established by indigenous peoples in other regions of the Circumpolar North. The concept of "indigenous management" will be reviewed, as will perceptions of differences between leadership and management in both western and indigenous settings.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F655  Circumpolar Health Issues  (a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Provides a comprehensive overview of major circumpolar health issues affecting Northern residents. Includes an analysis of health and traditional healing practices prior to contact. Examines the emergence of chronic diseases, problems of alcohol abuse and violence, efforts to combine traditional healing practices and Western medicine. Includes environmental health issues, including water, sewer, and food contamination. Overview of health care systems and public health infrastructure in the North.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F670  The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Pre-1971 to present
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Overview and analysis of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. An in-depth examination of the land claims movement of the 1960s and resulting legislative process. Firsthand accounts from Native leaders will be featured. Case studies describing challenges of individual Native villages and regions. Contemporary issues facing ANCSA corporations will be examined.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F690  Seminar in Cross-Cultural Studies  (a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Investigation of current issues in cross-cultural contexts. Opportunity for students to synthesize their prior graduate studies and research. Seminar is taken near the terminus of a graduate program.
Prerequisites: Advancement to candidacy and permission of student's graduate committee.
Cross-listed with CCS F690; ED F690; ANL F690.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F699  Thesis
1-9 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 1-9