RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD)

RD F100  The University Experience
3 Credits
Offered Fall
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  (an)
1 Credit
Offered Fall
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.
Cross-listed with ANS F112.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

RD F113  Alaska Natives, Indigenous Peoples and International
Law  (an)
1 Credit
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Familiarize students with international law and its importance for
Indigenous Peoples. Special emphasis on international legal instruments
of importance for Alaska Natives.
Cross-listed with ANS F113.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1.5 + 0 + 0

RD F114  Alaska Natives, Indigenous Peoples and North American
Legal Systems  (an)
1 Credit
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Familiarize students with domestic law and how it affects Indigenous
Peoples' governance in the United States. Special emphasis on Alaska
Natives and the relationship between legal systems and those of the
state and federal governments. Examination of how law is made and why
Tribal laws differ from those in neighboring jurisdictions. Course uses
asynchronous online delivery.
Cross-listed with ANS F114.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1.5 + 0 + 0

RD F125  Our Changing Climate: Past, Present, Future  (s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Examines how the biophysical impacts of climate change define
and intersect with social, ecological, economic, political and cultural
dimensions of our lives. Provides a foundation in both Indigenous and
Western science perspectives of the causes, impacts and feedbacks of
a changing climate. Includes theoretical and project-based experience
in climate change.
Prerequisites: Placement in WRTG F111X.
Cross-listed with ACNS F125, HONR F125, NRM F125.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F200X  Rural Development in the North  (s)
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 F225  Applied Communication Skills
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Oral and written communications for rural development practitioners.
In this course students will practice four types of oral and written
communications: business presentations and business and technical
writing; academic presentations and writing; policy presentations and
legal and policy writing; and presenting and writing for community
audiences.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X.
Cross-listed with ANS F225.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F245  Fisheries and Marine Wildlife Development in Rural
Alaska  (an, s)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
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.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X.
Cross-listed with ANS F245.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F250  Grant Writing for Community Development
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: WRTG F111X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-3 + 0 + 0

RD F250P  Grant Writing for Community Development
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-3 + 0 + 0

RD F255  Rural Alaska Land Issues  (an, s)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
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 (an) 3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
The socioeconomic, cultural, legal and political dimensions of subsistence in Alaska.
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

RD F268 Rural Tourism: Planning and Principles 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 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) 3 Credits
Offered Fall
In this introductory course, students explore topics tied to rural development worldwide. Students examine different perspectives and relationships that impact rural communities and the global economy by covering issues such as ethnicity and diversity, health, community development and the economy.
**Prerequisites:** WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; RD F225; junior standing.
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

RD F315 Tribal People and Development (an, s) 3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Impact of socioeconomic development processes on tribal peoples in less developed world societies. Implications of these processes for Alaska Native people.
**Prerequisites:** Junior standing.
**Cross-listed with** ANS F315.
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

RD F325 Rural Development Principles and Practices (s) 3 Credits
Offered Fall
Rural development is both an academic discipline and a professional practice. This course is intended to expose students to key principles and practices of their chosen field. Students are empowered to explore their own definition of rural development, including defining the purpose and objective of development and what role(s) that they aspire to as part of the next generation of rural development leaders. This course will emphasize academic writing and communicating with community audiences.
**Prerequisites:** WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; RD F225.
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

RD F340 Community Research Toolbox 3 Credits
Offered Spring
Community research approaches and techniques. Emphasis on the role and need for community-based research and associated ethical issues. Students use a hands-on approach to learn about research techniques, including interviewing, surveying and utilizing existing data in support of community-based research. Emphasizes academic writing and communicating with community audiences.
**Prerequisites:** RD F225.
**Crosslisted with** ANS F341.
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

RD F351 Strategic Planning and Decision Making 3 Credits
Offered Spring
The ability to plan strategically is fundamental to the success of organizations and communities alike. Rural leaders, in particular, must be incredibly adept at making strategic decisions about how to achieve desirable outcomes with limited human and financial resources. This course takes a practitioner approach to equipping students with basic knowledge of strategic planning processes as well as opportunities to engage with proven tools from the field. This course will emphasize business and technical writing and include student moderated discussions.
**Prerequisites:** RD F300; RD F325; and junior standing.
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

RD F352 Rural Business Planning and Proposal Development 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. This course emphasizes business and technical writing.
**Prerequisites:** WRTG F111X; RD F225.
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

RD F400 Rural Development Internship 3 Credits
Offered Summer
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 Natv Elders (an, h) 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.
**Prerequisites:** ANS F111X; ANS F242X; upper-division standing.
**Cross-listed with** ANS F401.
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0
RD F425 Cultural Resource Issues (s) 3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F427 Tribal Contracting and Compacting 3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
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 (an) 3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
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 F435 Participatory Policy-making in Tribal, State and Federal Government 3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
This course analyzes the policy-making and lobbying processes of the American political system, with a focus on the relationship between tribes, U.S. Congress, federal agencies and the U.S. Supreme Court. Uses comparative case studies of national, state of Alaska and tribal issues, policies and laws impacting rural Alaskans.
Prerequisites: RD F300, senior standing.
Recommended: RD F110.
Cross-listed with ANS F435.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F451 Human Resource Management for Indigenous Communities 3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
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) 3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Explores interrelationships over time of women, gender roles and development in the dynamic global economy, including issues in Alaska and the circumpolar north. Examines the historical marginalization of women in developmental processes, special issues affecting women in indigenous communities, and changing socio-economic and cultural gender roles of women and men in community development. Examines life histories of women that illustrate emerging principles and strategies for individual and community empowerment.
Cross-listed with WGS F460.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F462 Rural Health and Human Service Systems 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 (an) 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.
Crosslisted with ANS F465.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F468 Human Development and Social Justice 3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
This course looks beyond the built (or physical) environment to explore community development as a basic human activity. For many communities in the circumpolar North, the ultimate aim of development is to improve the overall quality of life for present and future generations. This course explores how rural communities can, and are, creating positive change in the areas of governance, natural resource management, cultural revitalization, education and health. This course approaches community development as an evolving practice that responds to human, environmental and political changes.
Prerequisites: RD F300, RD F325, senior standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
RD F470  The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Pre-1971 to Present  (an)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
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.
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Stacked with RD F670.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F471  Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability in Rural and Indigenous Contexts
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
Examination of the concept of corporate social responsibility (CSR) - a view of the corporation and its role in society that assumes a responsibility among firms to pursue goals in addition to profit maximization - and how CSR is played out in rural Alaska and other Indigenous contexts. Uses comparative case studies of international, national and rural Alaska organizational, economic and societal issues with a special emphasis on transnational corporations, ANCSA corporations, tribal enterprises and other businesses in rural Alaska and in other Indigenous contexts.
Prerequisites: RD F300; senior standing.
Recommended: RD F110.
Stacked with RD F671.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F474  Applied Community Research
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Development and preliminary groundwork for the rural development senior project. Students will develop a full prospectus and conduct preliminary research for their senior project to be completed in RD F475 Rural Development Senior Project.
Prerequisites: RD F340; RD F352; senior standing.
Cross-listed with ANS F474.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F475  Rural Development Senior Project  (W)
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. Students will utilize the appropriate writing and oral communication style for the type of research or project they choose.
Prerequisites: WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; RD F474; senior standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F492  Rural Development Seminar
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  Indigenous Leadership Symposium
3 Credits
Offered Fall
This course focuses on Indigenous models and perspectives on leadership. The seminar is delivered via a series of teleconferences as well as a weeklong face-to-face intensive. The location of the seminar changes each year. Rural development graduate students can repeat the course once as an elective.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F601  Political Economy of the Circumpolar North
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.
Cross-listed with CCS F608; ED F608; ANL F608.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F608  Indigenous Knowledge Systems
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.
Cross-listed with CCS F612.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F612  Traditional Ecological Knowledge
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.
Cross-listed with CCS F612.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F625  Community Development Strategies: Principles and Practices
3 Credits
Offered Fall
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
RD F630  Economic Development Policy and Entrepreneurship in Rural Alaska: Challenges and Opportunities
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
This course explores the questions - what does/should economic development and entrepreneurship look like in rural and Native Alaska? What national, state and tribal policies and laws are desirable, given the history and experience of existing ANCSA corporations (and transnational corporations), tribal enterprises and ANCSA corporations, exploring their contradictory purposes from a business standpoint, responsibilities to shareholders and tribal members, transparency and accountability under federal and state laws, U.S. federal trust responsibility, special tax and business exemptions and resulting business strategies for rural and Native Alaska.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Recommended: RD F625.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F650  Community-based Research Methods
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F651  Management Strategies for Rural Development
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F652  Indigenous Organization Management
3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F655  Circumpolar Health Issues
3 Credits
Offered Summer Even-numbered Years
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F667  Tribal Responses to Violence: Safety, Justice and Advocacy
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
This course will examine the crisis of violence against Native people and within Native communities and the bearing of social, legal, political and cultural responses. The role of sexual and other violence and conquest will be explored, as well as the impacts of trauma, legal and jurisdictional barriers and the developments in victim-centered and restorative justice and other movements in justice and healing. Students will have the opportunity throughout the semester to investigate and research current response systems and relevant policies and issues, and will develop their own ideas for solutions.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Stacked with ANS F467.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F670  The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Pre-1971 to Present
3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
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.
Stacked with RD F470.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F671  Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability in Rural and Indigenous Contexts
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
Examination of the concept of corporate social responsibility (CSR) - a view of the corporation and its role in society that assumes a responsibility among firms to pursue goals in addition to profit maximization - and how CSR is played out in rural Alaska and other Indigenous contexts. Uses comparative case studies of international, national and rural Alaska organizational, economic and societal issues with a special emphasis on transnational corporations, ANCSA corporations, tribal enterprises and other businesses in rural Alaska and in other Indigenous contexts.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Recommended: RD F625.
Stacked with RD F471.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
RD F675  Federal Indian Law: Land, Water and Subsistence  
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Examination of the history of federal Indian law and its implementation in Alaska. Key laws including the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA), Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) are examined in terms of how they have altered the political landscape of Alaska. Indian legislation is explored with special consideration for how different laws have affected the subsistence rights of Alaska Natives and how they affect management of waters in the state. Students consider the future of subsistence, water rights and how these laws affect natural resource access.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Examination of the history of federal Indian law and its implementation in Alaska. Key laws including the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA), Public Law 83-280, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), Indian Civil Rights Act (ICRA) and the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) are examined in terms of how they have altered the political landscape in Alaska. Indian legislation is explored to determine how Native communities exercise self-governance in Alaska. Students consider the development of tribal judicial capacity and pressing issues such as public safety for Native communities in Alaska as well as tribal participation in business and contractual agreements.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

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

RD F691  Seminar in Rural, Community and Indigenous Development Issues  
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Over the semester, students will review key concepts from the core courses in the M.A. program and develop a graduate portfolio illustrating their application in rural development contexts.
Prerequisites: RD F600; RD F601; RD F625; RD F650; RD F651.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RD F698  Non-thesis Research/Project  
1-6 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 3-9

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