

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Learning Outcomes

1. **KNOW:** Graduates will demonstrate an understanding of basic economic and sociological theory, data collection and analytical techniques, and research methodologies at a level sufficient to work to solve problems and issues in their region or local community. They will also demonstrate an understanding of the systems and processes that define a region and community.
2. **APPLY/CREATE:** Graduates will be able to develop a research methodology and study in detail a problem or issue experienced by their region or local community. They will be able to make recommendations for specific programs and policies to address both economic and social issues and in an effort to improve the quality of life in their region or community.
3. **COMMUNICATE:** Graduates will be able to effectively convey to others the basic theories and research in community and economic development and related fields through oral and written communications.
4. **THINK:** Graduates will be able to review and critically analyze studies and work from multiple disciplines and apply this work to problems and issues in their region or local community. They will be able to differentiate between economic and social systems within their regions and communities.
5. **PROF. PRACTICE:** Nearly all of our students already have jobs in a profession directly related to community and economic development. Our graduates will demonstrate that they have developed sufficient skills to continue to contribute to their profession. They will be able to interact productively in an ethical manner with other professionals and community leaders and demonstrate a commitment to active citizenship within their community.