

Community Economic Development Specialization

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The curricula for Specialization in Community Economic Development (CED) is based on a combination of academic and practitioner courses that provide graduate credit. The majority of the work is based in academic work and emphasizes rural economic development and the four major focus areas of the LSU AgCenter's CED program. Course requirements can be met by attending traditional graduate level classes offered at LSU or other colleges and universities in Louisiana, short courses (for graduate credit) offered through LSU or other colleges and universities, or through classes offered through Distance Education. Any courses not listed in the following curricula must be approved by the CED Specialization Committee.

Agents wishing to specialize in CED must complete (1) three hours in a rural or community economic development course, (2) six hours in two of the following four areas: (a) small business management, (b) resource based economic development, (c) workforce development or (d) community leadership, and (3) six hours of community development practitioner courses. Three hours in any area can be fulfilled through an independent study with permission from the committee.

Requirements for Specialization in CED

Rural or community economic development *	3 hours
Focus areas course work	6 hours
Small business/farm management*	
Resource based economic development *	
Workforce /organizational development	
Community leadership	
Practitioner course work (examples)	6 hours
Southern Rural Development Center Community Development Institute	
University of Missouri Community Development Academy	

* Taught at LSU via Distance Education

Course Suggestions for Fulfilling CED Recommendations

Rural and Community Development

- AGEC 4503 Rural Resource and Community Development
- SOC 4321 The Community
- SOC 4351 Rural Social Organization
- SOC 4711 Human Ecology
- SOC 7351 Seminar: Topics in Rural Sociology

Small Business/Farm Management

- AGEC 4403 Agricultural Finance
- AGEC 4433 Agricultural Business, Planning, Management
- AGEC 4603 Agricultural Policy

Resource Based Economic Development

- AGEC 7623 Rural Development Economics
- AGEC 7503 Natural Resource Economics
- AGEC 7710 Resource Based Economic Development
- ECON 7320 Seminar in Environmental and Resource Economics
- ECON 7325 Applied Resource Economics

Workforce/Organizational Development

- SOC 4311 Complex Organizations
- SOC 4411 Sociology of Work
- SOC 4413 Gender and Work
- SOC 4341 Social Change
- ECON 6500 Workshop on Economic Education
- ECON 6550 Special Topics in Economic Education
- ECON 7070 Theory of Economic Growth
- ECON 7130 Public Finance Theory
- ECON 7240 Seminar in Labor Economics
- ECON 7480 Seminar in Industrial Organization
- ECON 7250 Wage and Employment Analysis
- ELRC 7301 Orientation to the World of Work
- ELRC 7332 Educational and Occupational Information

Community Leadership

- SOC 4621 Small Groups
- EXED 7723 Leadership and Organization
- EXED 4025 Principles of Adult Education
- EXED 8900 Group Processes and Facilitation in Extension Education