Graduate Certificate in Community Processes

The graduate certificate in Community Processes offers graduate students and professionals a unique opportunity to develop expertise in how spatial and relational communities form and function in today's society. A vital part of the certificate is working in community facilitation processes or community analytical processes.

The certificate is available to graduate students and professionals:

- Graduate students seeking certification in addition to their degree program
- Professionals with at least a bachelor's degree seeking a stand-alone graduate certificate for additional professional certification

The Community Processes certificate is offered jointly by the Agricultural and Applied Economics (http://dass.missouri.edu/agecon) program, Rural Sociology (http://dass.missouri.edu/ruralsoc) program, Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs (http://truman.missouri.edu) and the School of Law (http://law.missouri.edu).

Requirements

To earn the Community Processes certificate, students must begin and complete the certificate program in 3 years. Students specialize by choosing the Community Facilitation track or Analytical Processes track. Course requirements vary by track. Credit hour requirements are the following.

- Total credit hours: 12
- Six credits may double count toward your degree program.
- With the director's approval, in lieu of 6 credits from their degree program, students may use 3 credits from their degree program and transfer 3 credits from another institution. Transferred credits must correspond directly to the MU graduate certificate program course requirements.

There are two tracks: Community Facilitation Track and Analytical Processes for Communities Track.

Community Facilitation Track

Through the Community Facilitation track, students learn skills for working with groups and communities.

To earn the certificate, students must complete one required course, choose from one basic course within the Community Facilitation track and select two courses in the basic or supporting courses lists of either the Community Facilitation track or Analytical Processes for Communities track.

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<td>Group Dynamics and Conflict Resolution (campus and online)</td>
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Supporting Courses

- LAW 5450 Conflict and Conflict Management (campus) (but not both)
- PUB_AF 8630 Organizational Change in a Community and Global Context (campus and online) 3

Analytical Processes for Communities Track

Students who choose the Analytical Processes for Communities track learn analytical skills for making decisions or working with communities and decision-makers. They must have background in statistical analysis through multiple regression and basic macro- and microeconomics.

To earn the certificate, students must complete one required course, choose from one basic course within the Analytical Processes for Communities track and select two courses in the basic or supporting courses lists of the Community Facilitation track or Analytical Processes for Communities track.

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Supporting Courses

- PUB_AF 8150 Collaborative Governance (campus and online) 3
- PUB_AF 8320 Spatial Analysis for Public Affairs 3
- RU_SOC 9480 Community Survey Research (campus) 3
- LAW 5700 Land Use Controls (campus) 1-3

Certificate Process and Policies

For certificate program processes and policies, please refer to these resources:

- Academic process for graduate certificate students (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/grad-cert-process)
- Certificate completion requirements (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/graduation-requirements/certificate-grad-requirements.php)

Admissions

The admissions process varies by whether a student enrolls in a degree program and seeks a certificate to enhance his or her degree program experience or whether the student is a certificate-only student. The University of Missouri Office of Graduate Studies facilitates the admissions process.

Additional Information
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