

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACTION, MA

The Master of Arts in Community Development & Action (MACDA) is an interdisciplinary, mission-driven 36 credit hour, professional program that weaves together theoretical knowledge from sociology, urban studies, and community development; qualitative, quantitative, and evaluation research skills, and practical fieldwork in neighborhoods across Chicagoland. The MACDA focuses on development as a process (i.e., developing the ability to act collectively) and as an outcome (i.e., taking collective action that results in community improvement, particularly as it relates to reinventing social, cultural, political, and economic institutions.)

The MACDA is offered at Roosevelt University's historic campus in downtown Chicago, where students from local neighborhoods and from around the globe come together to share their vision for local development and global change. Roosevelt's location also provides students with access to internships with urban developers, community organizations, government and non-profit organizations, and social and human service agencies. Our students graduate with a "we will change the world together" attitude and the marketable skills necessary for careers that make a difference.

This program is designed to allow students flexibility in scheduling classes. Students may choose to pursue the program full-time or part-time, according to their needs. Convenient course formats include hybrid on-campus/online classes as well as evening classes with the option of live remote attendance.

Admission

The coursework for the MA is Community Development and Action is based at Roosevelt University's Chicago campus. These are the guidelines for admission to the program:

1. Applicants with an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher are admitted based on previous academic performance.
2. Applicants submit a one-two page admission essay explaining the applicant's desire to pursue graduate work in Community Development.

Important: Applicants not meeting the above requirements will be considered for admission if they submit a detailed work history, record of community activism, and letters of reference or with the approval of the graduate program director. In certain instances, applicants may be admitted on a probationary basis with special restrictions.

Requirements

To earn the MA in Community Development and Action, students must complete 36 credit hours of course work. The MACDA program requires eight core courses (i.e., 7 courses each three credit hours and 1 required capstone six credit hour course, totaling 27 credit hours) and three electives (i.e., 9 credit hours) totaling 36 credit hours to complete the program.

Coursework must be completed with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and include the capstone project. Students must consult with program faculty before initiating the capstone project.

Up to six semester hours of transfer credit may be counted upon approval by the program faculty, providing these credits are in compliance with

University requirements. With approval from the program faculty, up to six semester hours in related disciplines may be included.

I. Theoretical Foundations		12
CDA 401	INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
CDA 402	SOCIAL POLICIES, WELFARE THEORIES, AND COMMUNITIES	
CDA 403	THEORIES OF URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN	
CDA 404	COMMUNITY & REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
II. Skill Development		9
CDA 408	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	
CDA 480	RESEARCH METHODS	
CDA 486	APPLIED SOCIAL STATISTICS	
III. Practice		6
CDA 495	(See Advisor for Other Special Topics)	
IV. Electives-3 Electives Required		9
SOC 403	DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 406	SEMINAR IN SOCIAL THEORY	
SOC 417	RACE & THE CITY	
SOC 418	SOCIAL CHANGE	
SOC 419	LATINO URBAN EXPERIENCE	
SOC 420	THE SOCIOLOGY OF INEQUALITY	
SOC 425	EDUCATION AND SOCIETY	
SOC 427	RACE & ETHNIC RELATIONS	
SOC 430	SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH/ ILLNESS	
SOC 446	COMMUNITY ORGANIZING	
SOC 455	URBAN INEQUALITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE	
SOC 467	SOCIAL MOVEMENTS	
SOC 491	EXPERIENTIAL RESEARCH AND LEARNING	
SOC 494	INTERNSHIP	