COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACTION (CDA)

CDA 401 - INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
This introductory course provides an overview of community development, understood as activities and practices that strengthen economically struggling communities, enhance community resources, empower citizens to define and participate in development processes and the larger social, political, and economic systems. Emphasis is placed on community organizing and citizen participation, community-based organizations and institutions, housing, education, and capital and asset-based approaches to community development.
Credits: 3

CDA 402 - SOCIAL POLICIES, WELFARE THEORIES, AND COMMUNITIES
This course offers a critical examination of fundamental issues related to community, identity, and social solidarity. The course also focuses on the history of social policy and public welfare from the New Deal era down to present neoliberal economic restructuring. The course examines the contradictions and contemporary crisis of neoliberalism and the prospects of new movements for social justice.
Credits: 3

CDA 403 - THEORIES OF URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN
This course is an introduction to urban planning. Students will be introduced to the history and theory of urban planning in the U.S., correspondences and tensions between them, the changing nature of planning, and intersections of the power, economy, ideology, and choice (ethics).
Credits: 3
Prerequisites: CDA 401

CDA 404 - COMMUNITY & REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
This course introduces students to the theories, strategies, and techniques of local and regional economic analysis, planning, and development. Application of frameworks for community development and decision-making models will be explored through case studies and class exercises, and/or fieldwork.
Credits: 3
Prerequisites: CDA 401

CDA 408 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
This course provides an overview of the philosophical assumptions, interpretive frameworks, methods, and best practices associated with qualitative research design and inquiry.
Credits: 3

CDA 480 - RESEARCH METHODS
This course is designed to teach the logic of research design and basics for conducting and interpreting research. It is a broad overview of the fundamentals of social science research as well as the various methods of sociological research.
Credits: 3

CDA 486 - APPLIED SOCIAL STATISTICS
This is an introductory course in applied social statistics primarily for students in sociology, community development and action, or related social sciences. It is designed to help students learn the basic concepts of statistics and statistical methods of analysis and their usefulness in a wide variety of real-world applications.
Credits: 3