COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND APPLIED ECONOMICS M.S.

All students must meet the Requirements for the Master’s Degree

OVERVIEW

The Department of Community Development and Applied Economics (CDAE) supports sustainable local and international community development through interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach that serves the public interest. CDAE offers a Master of Science degree in Community Development and Applied Economics. Expertise among the CDAE faculty advisors includes economics (both ecological and neoclassical), ecological design and renewable energy, public policy, community entrepreneurship, cross-cultural communication, consumer affairs, food systems, and political process. CDAE’s research and outreach is both global and local (e.g., dairy farming and farmers’ markets in Vermont) and graduate students benefit from close affiliation with other research institutions at the University of Vermont and beyond.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Master of Science

- GPA = 3.00 or equivalent from bachelor’s degree.
- Completion of an acceptable Calculus course.
- Completion of an acceptable Intermediate Microeconomics course.
- Satisfactory scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); official scores are required.
- Three letters of recommendation attesting to the candidate’s academic potential for graduate work and motivation for pursuing the M.S. in CDAE.
- For international students whose native language is not English or who have not completed undergraduate degrees in English, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores must be submitted.
- Minimum acceptable scores for admission to the Graduate College:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Test Type</th>
<th>Minimum Score</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Internet Based</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computer Based</td>
<td>213</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paper Based</td>
<td>550</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Minimum acceptable scores for a student receiving funding from UVM:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Test Type</th>
<th>Minimum Score</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Internet Based</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computer Based</td>
<td>250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paper Based</td>
<td>600</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Institution code for test scores for UVM is 3920.

Minimum Degree Requirements

The degree requires a total of thirty-six credits, of which thirty are from advanced courses in CDAE and other related fields plus six credits of thesis research. A written comprehensive examination and an oral defense of a thesis are also required. A student’s thesis research is often an integral part of faculty-led, ongoing research projects in CDAE.

Students in the graduate program must have a 3.00 grade point average to remain a degree candidate. A student may be dismissed from the Graduate College if two or more grades below a ‘B’ are received.

Four core courses and graduate research seminars are required for each graduate student:

- CDAE 354 Advanced Microeconomics 3
- CDAE 351 Research Methods 3
- One additional course in quantitative or qualitative analysis to be approved by the graduate studies committee, for example:
  - STAT 225 Applied Regression Analysis 3
  - STAT 223 Applied Multivariate Analysis
  - EDFS 347 Qualitative Research Methods
- One course in community development to be approved by the graduate studies committee, for example:
  - CDAE 326 Community Economic Development
  - CDAE 392 Graduate Seminars (Each student is required to complete three credits of this course. Students should enroll for one credit in each of three semesters) 1

Comprehensive Examination

A written examination must be completed by the student’s third semester of full-time enrollment.

Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the Degree of Master of Science

Successful completion of any prerequisite courses, and at least 15 graded graduate credits earned in compilation of the graduate GPA, including all core courses. A GPA of 3.00 or greater is also required.