

RD 325 Rural Development Principals & Practices
Fall ó 3 credits

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moderators. The role of moderators is to pose relevant questions to spur group discussion, encourage participation from all group members, summarize group comments, and report back to the larger class.

STUDENT EVALUATION AND GRADING

Grades for the course will be assigned on the basis of the following point/grade scale:

A + : 98-100%	A : 93-97%	A - : 90-92%
B + : 88-89%	B : 83-87%	B - : 80-82%
C + : 78-79%	C : 73-77 %	C - : 70-72%
D + : 68-69%	D : 63-67%	D - : 60-62%
F : below 60%		

I Incomplete - An incomplete is a temporary grade used to indicate that the student has satisfactorily completed (C or better) the majority of work in a course but for personal reasons beyond the student's control, such as sickness, has not been able to complete the course during the regular semester. Normally, an incomplete is assigned in a case when the student is current in the class until at least the last three weeks of the semester or summer session. Negligence or indifference are not acceptable reasons for an "I" grade.

Work for this course is weighted as follows:

“0” for any assignments not received by the instructor after the required due date. The only exception to this policy is in the case of emergencies in which case, students must notify the instructor immediately. It is at the discretion of the instructor whether or not the student will receive an extension.

Attendance and Participation: (15% of grade)

See Course Requirements on page 1 for attendance and participation requirements.

Community Development Exercises 1-5 (50% grade)

Students are expected to complete a series of five exercises designed to apply the information and skills learned in this class to their own community. The instructions and required templates for Exercises 1-5 will be available on Blackboard. Each exercise is intended to build upon the previous exercise as well as prepare students for the final paper. On dates that exercises are due, students will be asked to informally share their reflection on the exercise with the class. In general, students are expected to follow the APA Publication Manual for both in-text and reference list citations for all written assignments.

Final Presentation (5% grade)

Each student will be expected to share a 10 minute presentation to the class summarizing their final paper. Students are encouraged to prepare a 5-6 slide Power Point presentation which must be posted to Blackboard prior to your presentation.

Final Paper (30% grade)

For the final paper, students are expected to submit a 10 page (1.5 spaced) analysis focusing on a current development issue in their community. The paper should include an introduction, an overview framing the community development issue, a summary of your community's experience with development (historiography), an asset map and discussion of 2-3 strategies to mobilize your community's assets, a power map of key stakeholders and a discussion of 2-3 strategies to target relationships that will grow your community's influence on the development issue, and a conclusion. Students must include a minimum of 6 sources.

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TITLE IX

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Readings	Assignment
8/30	Introductions; Review of Syllabus	
9/1	Community Development in the U.S. Historiography (Blackboard) (Blackboard) YouTube Video: History of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)	
9/6	Jkuvqtkqitcrj{"eqpvkpwgf í (Blackboard) YouTube Video: The Tragedy of Urban Renewal	
9/8	(Blackboard)	
9/13	A Critical Analysis of Community Development (Blackboard)	Exercise 1 Due 9/13
9/15	Ledwith: Introduction, Chapters 5 & 6	
9/20	Critical Pedagogy Ledwith: Chapters 1 & 2	
9/22	Community Development & Power (Blackboard)	
9/27		
9/29	Rqfy í	

11/8	Asset Mapping Kretzmann & McKnight: pages 345-376	Exercise 4 Due 11/8
11/10		
11/15	Power Mapping Ledwith: Chapter 7	
11/17		Exercise 5 Due 11/22
11/22		
11/24		
11/29	Emerging Issues: Climate Change & Food Security	
12/1	Student Presentations	
12/6	Student Presentations	Final Paper Due 12/8
12/8	Student Presentations	
12/12 -16		