

Community Development (MCD)

Experience an intensive, self-directed and engaging program which combines study, research and professional work in recreation management. You will benefit from the small-school advantage, where you will work closely with our faculty members who will mentor you in your development of research and professional community engagement skills.

Acadia's Master of Community Development program is a small, innovative, and interdisciplinary two-year program with an emphasis on community development and sustainability. In this program, you will primarily be working closely with your supervisor on your research and thesis, but will also take additional courses to supplement your research and expand your knowledge in the discipline. You will also gain real-life experience through a professional or teaching practicum that is an integral part of the program.

If you have an undergraduate degree in a related discipline, are seeking a challenging program, and have a strong interest in one of the research areas of our department, we encourage you to apply.

Be Inspired

Acadia's Master of Community Development program is intentionally kept small so that you will receive highly focused attention from our faculty mentors, allowing the program to be customized to your needs and the needs of your chosen research project. Acadia's small size facilitates access to faculty from related departments throughout the University for assistance with your academic coursework and research. Our faculty are strongly connected with community organizations and with local centres of excellence, such as Horizons Community Development Associates, focused on collaborations between University and community.

Research Interests

- Aboriginal ecotourism and community development
- Community sustainability
- Community youth leadership
- Ecotourism/sustainable tourism
- Environmental education
- Environmental sustainability
- Healthy active living, community design & government policy

- Human dimensions of ecosystem management
- International community development
- Sustainable community development
- Sustainable food systems
- Tidal energy development: socioeconomic dimensions
- Visitor services and natural parks management

Program at a Glance

Year 1 - Term 1

CODE 5960

Thesis

CODE 5033

Community Development Seminar

***RECR 5xx3**

Elective

Year 1 - Term 2

CODE 5960

Thesis

CODE 5543

Community Development Research Methods

***CODE 5xx3**

Elective

Year 1 - Term 3

CODE 5960

Thesis

Year 2 - Term 1

CODE 5960

Thesis

CODE 5056

Community Development Practicum

Year 2 - Term 2

CODE 5960

Thesis completion

CODE 5056

Community Development Practicum

* Only one of the two electives is required. You may choose an elective in either the fall or winter.

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Get Involved:

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Community Outreach Acadia

Acadia Graduate Students' Association

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