COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 
MASTER OF SCIENCE

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

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Faculty
The Group contains more than 40 faculty from 15 departments on
campus; see Community Development Graduate Group People (http://
communitydevelopment.ucdavis.edu/people/faculty.php)

Graduate Study
The Community Development Graduate Group (CDGG) offers an inter-
disciplinary program of study which leads to the M.S. degree. The
program emphasizes interdisciplinary, collaborative, and project-
based learning, as well as community-engaged scholarship. The
CDGG challenges students to integrate theory and practice, to develop
constructive solutions to contemporary problems, and to lead in building
a healthy, sustainable, and equitable society. Graduate study in the
CDGG prepares individuals to work within government, for-profit and
non-profit community development organizations in the realm of
social and economic change, or to prepare them for further doctoral
studies in related programs. Particular strengths of the program
include: community economic development; community organizing and
organizations in under-served communities; environmental justice and
planning; education; ethnic studies; local impacts of globalization and
trans-nationalism; rural and urban political development and change;
sustainable agriculture and food systems; and women and gender
studies.

Preparation
Applicants to this program can prepare themselves by enrolling for upper
division courses in the social or behavioral sciences, e.g., anthropology,
economics, sociology, psychology, geography, urban studies or political
science, and courses in community studies.

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