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Requirements

1. Official or Certified True Copy of Transcript of Records from all Colleges/Universities attended
2. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from former professors
3. Completed Application Form

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Master of Science in Rural Sociology



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR FIELD

The MS Rural Sociology Program aims to prepare graduate students to take leading roles in dealing with problems and opportunities in rural communities as they relate to the society as a whole. The program focuses on sustainable rural communities characterized by long term well-being based on the integration of social, cultural, economic, and environmental factors in their planning.

OPPORTUNITIES

A distinct feature of the MS in Rural Sociology Program is its emphasis on multi-method data collection and analysis of different issues in the global, national and local levels and how these impact rural societies. Students of MS in Rural Sociology can contribute in analyzing significant changes in the economic and social structures brought about by technological innovations, globalization and climate change and develop solutions to diverse problems facing rural communities.

Graduates of the program are employed in various fields such as local and international development agencies, private companies, research institutions, government agencies, NGOs, Private Universities and SUCs.

GRADUATE COURSES

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS
AERS 261	Social and Cultural Change	Deals with the theories and models of social and cultural change with emphasis on technology and social change, particularly on problems related to the acceptance and diffusion of innovations in agriculture and other areas.	3
AERS 262	Urban Sociology	Sociological principles applied to the modern city; structure, growth, social and personal life in an urban setting.	3
AERS 265	Sociology of Development	Application of sociological theories and concepts to the problems of development at the international, national and local levels, with emphasis on operationally significant concepts derived from current research and development experience.	3
AERS 267	Perspectives in Community Analysis	Theoretical foundations of the concept of community and their application in current community studies.	3
AERS 281	Theory Construction	Deals with postulates in science, structure, functions and formats of theory, concept formation and definitions, origination of hypotheses, and introduction to the epistemological foundation of sociological theories.	3
AERS 282	Social Research Design	Methods of social research with emphasis on the major steps in design and conduct of social research from problem formulation to analysis, interpretation and write-up of research report.	3
AERS 290	Special Problem		1-3
AERS 291	Special Topic	Special Classes regarding various topics such as Sociology of Agriculture and Social Institutions, Rural Landscapes and Livelihoods, Transnational Dynamics of Agriculture and Food Systems and others.	1-3
AERS 299	Graduate Seminar		1
AERS 300	Master's Thesis		6

The MS RS program requires a minimum of 31 units, these are 15 units of major courses, 9 units of minor courses, 1 unit of seminar (AERS 299), and 6 units of thesis (AERS 300).