

# Community Development & Environmental Change

## FCS 5730/ FCS6730/ EVNST5730

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the processes and outcomes of community and environmental change. Students will analyze the sociopolitical context in which change operates, the impact of environmental and social changes, major models and methods of practice, and tools to promote public participation. This course provides a theoretical foundation and hands-on experience developing and evaluating community interventions. Special emphasis will be placed on collaborative and participatory planning.

### COURSE GOALS – At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify theories, best practices and models of community development and environmental change.
2. Analyze and discuss sociopolitical forces that influence community development and environmental change.
3. Critically explore power and privilege, and the individual, group and organizational change agent in relation to community development and environmental change.
4. Reflect on a community project they developed and implemented with classmates, a community partner and community members.