

APPENDIX 2

**RURAL SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:
PROFESSIONAL MASTERS
2004-2005**

Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Course Requirements: Professional Masters	Course	Credit Hours	Grade	Date	University
Core Courses (12 Hours of Course Credit)					
RS/Soc 4130/7130: Advanced Social Statistics (a basic statistics course is a pre-requisite for this course)					
RS 8510: Research Methodology					
Soc 8100: Theories of Society, <i>or</i> Soc. 9187: Sem. in Soc. Thought <i>or</i> survey course in Sociology including Marx, Durkheim, 20th C sociologists					
Research Methodology Course (see below) *					
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Additional Core Requirements					

<p>(9 Hours of Course Credit) Three additional Rural Sociology courses from core, not including readings or problems courses (see list below) **</p>											
<p>Professional Practicum (6-8 Hours Course Credit)</p>											
<p>RS 8450: Research (Graded S/U only)</p>											

* **Research Methodology Courses:** highly dependent on student's interests and needs; any methods course at MU may be taken to fulfill these requirements with committee approval

** **Options for Additional Core Courses for Professional Masters**

RS 4315/7315: Social Demography
RS 4310/7310: Sociology of Agriculture and Natural Resources
RS 4335/7335: Social Change & Trends
RS 4341/7341: Building Communities from the Grassroots
RS 4342/7342: Empowering Communities for the Future
RS 4370/7370: Environment and Society
RS 8287: Seminar in Social and Economic Development
RS 8425: Communication and Diffusion of Information
RS 8444: Seminar on the Organization of Agriculture
RS 7445: Seminar on Issues in the Sociology of Agriculture & Natural Resources
RS 7446: Community Social Structure
RS 8447: Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Rural Sociology

*** **Supervised Professional Practicum:** Graded S/U only. Equivalent of three months of full time work; includes submission of a paper based upon this experience; paper will serve as the basis for the student's oral examination. Previous work experience may be substituted for *part* of the practicum, based on a letter of request submitted by the student's advisory committee chair to the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) and approved by the faculty of Rural Sociology. The student is expected, however, to engage in a *new* practicum experience while completing their degree.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONAL MASTERS:

Transfer Credit:

Requirements:

Committee:

Up to 6 graduate credit hours may be transferred from another institution and applied towards the degree with committee approval.

A student must complete 39 credit hours of study. Up to 6 graduate credit hours may be transferred from another institution and applied towards the degree with committee approval.

The student is required to form a committee consisting of **3** members:

- 1) The Chair of the committee must be a faculty member from the Rural Sociology Department.
- 2) The second committee member may be a faculty member from either the Rural Sociology or Sociology Departments at MU.
- 3) The third committee member may be a faculty member from any department on the MU campus, including Rural Sociology and Sociology.