MASTER OF SCIENCE COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

PUC 800: Research methods
Overview of research concepts, meaning of scientific research, quantitative and qualitative approaches, problem statement, objectives, hypotheses, assumptions, limitations and delimitations conceptual and theoretical frameworks, research designs, sampling techniques, data collection and analytical methods, citation and referencing. Ethics in research and proposal development.

HFD 801: Statistics
School common unit

HSC 802: Programme Design Monitoring and Evaluation (Revised)

HCR 800: Development policy formulation and analysis (Revised)
Analysis of global and national social development policies and plans related to community development; political, socio-cultural and organizational contexts of policy formulation and implementation; role of county, national, regional and international stakeholders in policy implementation and evaluation of policy implementation.

HCR 801: Theories and models of community development (Revised)
Overview of theories, models and practices in community development, including a historical review, an examination of contemporary issues and debates, theories of social change, methodological considerations and current community development initiatives, goals, processes, challenges and outcomes of theoretical models and conceptual frameworks on community development, evolution of community development, community organization and community participation, integration of theory, research and community practice.

HCR 802: Humanitarian Support and Development(Revised)
An exploration of key ideas and themes in aid and development. Examination of how aid functions at different levels and aid in specific contexts. Evolution of aid policy. Analysis of aid policy from the perspective of international organizations, national
donors, and non-governmental organizations; complexities and challenges of linking aid to development objective. Evaluation and assessment of aid and the complications inherent in evaluation models. Case studies on disaster management and its impact on community development. Aid delivery and functions in disaster and conflict contexts.

HCR 804: Project funding and grant management (Revised)

Project financing techniques and options, sources of project financing, techniques of writing grant proposals, collaboration with development partners, donors and funding organizations, grant contract regulations and management, accountability, transparency and financial reporting. Management of community project revenues.

HCR 805: Community Extension programme and Development (New)

Theories and models used in extension; historical development of extension programs; current trends in extension program development; community problem diagnosis; strategies for community engagement in problem solving; community-based extension program development; application of technology for diverse community extension programs; linkages between research, policy and practice in extension. Extension implementation and impact assessment.

HCR 806: Community development intervention project (Revised)

Overview of social, economic, legal and political challenges affecting community development projects, survey of community-based development projects, case study of a selected community development intervention project, approved project proposal prior to field work required, data collection, analysis and report writing, presentation of findings in a departmental postgraduate seminar.

HCR 807: International Social Development (New)

Cultural competency and its role in international social development. Analysis of Global issues and globalization with its economic, political, environmental, and technological dimensions and its implications on the lives of disadvantaged communities and individuals in community building and international cooperation. The role of social work in addressing these issues. Human rights paradigm in approaching international social development issues. Key international agencies and their role in international development. Current barriers and best practices in international social development.

HCR 808: Consultancy in Non-profit Organizations (New)

Principles and practices of project consultancy, types of consultancy services, skills for effective consultancy, client-consultant relationship, legal, ethical and community aspects in NPO consultancy projects, NGO consulting contracts and processes, terms of reference, consulting interventions, consultant roles as learning and change facilitator, participative consulting programs, professional ethics in consulting, international NPO consulting and best practices in consulting.

HCR 810: Communication for Development (New)
Evolution of and trends in Communication for Development (C4D). The Communication for development process and its role for and in development projects. Strategic use of communication to influence policy and promote positive behaviour change; social mobilization and transformation; public advocacy. C4D as a social process that promotes dialogue between communities and decision makers at local, national and regional levels. Framework of communicating for results. C4D approaches and methods. Measurement of C4D Outcomes.

**HCR 816: Research thesis**

In consultation with the department and supervisors, candidates will identify a research topic and present a proposal for approval by the relevant university boards and conduct research. The research findings will be presented and examined as a thesis in accordance with university regulations. The thesis shall be equivalent to 8 units.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

HCR 900: Ph.D Thesis