

**WELCOME TO THE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AT DELTA STATE
UNIVERSITY**



Dr. John Green, Graduate Coordinator

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Science in Community Development (MSCD) program in the Division of Social Sciences at Delta State University. The purpose of this degree is to prepare students to engage with critical social, political and economic development issues by integrating theory and practice in pursuit of increased quality of life for all people. Graduates from the 36-hour curriculum are ready for successful careers as practitioners in a wide variety of private and public sector mission-driven organizations.

In addition to the primary course of study in community development, the MSCD program offers students the opportunity to pursue specialization in Sustainable Development with courses offered in the Division of Social Sciences. Alternately, students may elect to specialize in Economic Development by taking classes in the College of Business.

The MSCD program benefits from its affiliation with the Center for Community and Economic Development. The Center's mission is to build and empower relationships that strengthen communities. The many programs operated through the Center focus attention on community service for enhancing youth education, leadership development, increasing access to services, and business retention and expansion. Many MSCD

students work on projects through the Center. The Institute for Community-Based Research and the Delta Rural Poll, both affiliated with the Center, provide avenues for students to engage in applied research. Several faculty members in the Division of Social Sciences have joint appointments as Faculty Associates in the Center.

Community Development faculty and students are excited about your participation in this program. Your achievement reflects upon all of us. To succeed, you must accept the ultimate responsibility for taking advantage of the many opportunities in your reach. The information included in this orientation packet is intended to help you maneuver through the maze of graduate study and make the most of your time in the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Green, Ph.D.
Graduate Coordinator, Community Development

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