

COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, BS

The Bachelor of Science degree in Community & Organizational Development (<https://humanecology.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-majors/community-nonprofit-leadership/>) prepares students to advance positive change through communities and organizations.

Students tackle community, organizational, and societal challenges in collaboration with their peers and real-world partners, clients, and communities. Through project-based learning, applied research, and internship experiences, students learn how to make a positive human-centered impact on communities and society in meaningful and lasting ways.

The Community & Organizational Development degree allows students to tailor their learning and career pathways. Students are prepared for a variety of careers spanning community and organizational development, nonprofit management, executive leadership, social justice activism, community organizing, social entrepreneurship, corporate social responsibility, higher education, government, philanthropy, social service agencies, and more. It also offers excellent preparation for graduate school in areas such as law, medical and public health advocacy, public policy, human ecology, and more.

In addition to the hundreds of community-based organizations in the city of Madison, the Center for Nonprofit Studies (CommNS) (<https://commnsknowledge.wisc.edu/>), housed in the School of Human Ecology, provides students with a hub for community-engaged teaching, research, and outreach focused on advancing the work of the civic and nonprofit sector. Students can participate in innovative non-profit initiatives, network with community and organizational leaders, and attend annual conferences, workshops, and speaker series.