

**Sociology 469: Special Topics**  
**Neighborhood Context and Community Development**  
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**Wednesdays, 9:00 to 11:40 AM**  
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This course will explore how community development organizations can draw on social science theories and methodology to improve their understanding of the dynamics of target communities. In consultation with a local non-profit organization a project area will be identified. The class will examine how existing research on neighborhoods and relevant methodologies can be used by community development agencies to develop and evaluate a multi-prong approach to neighborhood revitalization based on grassroots planning and a understanding of social, physical and economic factors that impede or support these efforts. Completion of Sociology 101 is recommended for this course.