Course title: Group Practicum- Community Needs Assessment			
Course code: MPD 106	**No. of credits:** 4	**L-T-P distribution:** 12-12-72	**Learning hours:** 60

Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None

Department: Department of Policy and Management Studies

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Course type	Core	**Course Offered:** Semester 2

Course Description

This course is a foundational course for students who aim to be development practitioners. It would help the students demystify community engagement and understand the importance of working with local population. It would build their skills to carry out independent research and data analysis to understand community needs and design development interventions in a participatory mode.

For field training, students would be attached in groups with local development organizations who would help them facilitate rapport building and deal with other logistical challenges. Students would also report to the local organization on their progress so that they could effectively facilitate data collection.

The course also intends to develop an attitude of team learning among students so that they could be prepared for working in any development organization.

Course objectives

1. Building skills to design and carry independent research to identify community need/gap assessment.
2. Building skills to identify development needs of an area and prioritize these needs in consultation with the communities