



Twin Cities Campus

Program Evaluation Minor

Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development

College of Education and Human Development

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Graduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 9
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 15
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Program evaluation is an area of inquiry that uses both quantitative and qualitative methods to address questions of concern to policy makers, administrators, managers, and, in some cases, program participants. In this era of competing developments--increased accountability and the democratization of research activity--knowledge of program evaluation is a useful and valuable commodity. The program evaluation minor is an interdisciplinary effort providing intensive study of the techniques and process of evaluation and policy research, in addition to the social and political context within which program evaluation occurs. The graduate minor in program evaluation offers a coordinated set of courses designed for students who wish to have the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct evaluations combined with their graduate majors or professional fields of study. Courses include readings, discussions, and assignments designed to develop the skills essential to professionals intending to use or conduct evaluation in nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

Prior admission into an established MA or PhD is required. Students in the existing evaluation-related concentrations in organizational leadership, policy, and development or educational psychology are not allowed into the minor. Admission to the minor program will therefore be contingent upon enrollment in good standing within a recognized University of Minnesota degree-granting program.

Special Application Requirements:

Students interested in admission to the minor should contact the minor's Director of Graduate Studies. Students must demonstrate relevant academic background and experience.

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

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The program for an individual student will be developed by the student, the major advisor, and the director of graduate studies (DGS) of the program evaluation minor. With permission of the program evaluation minor DGS, students with sufficient background and previous course experience equivalent to one or more courses within the minor field curriculum may apply for a waiver of appropriate requirements, and replace waived courses with additional electives to meet the minimum number of credits required for the minor.



Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Masters

Minor Requirements

- [OLPD 5501](#) - Principles and Methods of Evaluation (3.0 cr)
or An alternative course approved by program evaluation steering committee
- [OLPD 5502](#) - Comparative evaluation theory for practice (3.0 cr)
or [OLPD 8502](#) - Advanced Evaluation Theory and Theory crafting (3.0 cr)
- [OLPD 8596](#) - Evaluation Internship (1.0 - 9.0 cr)

Doctoral

Minor Requirements

- [OLPD 5501](#) - Principles and Methods of Evaluation (3.0 cr)
or or an alternative course approved by program evaluation steering committee
- [OLPD 5502](#) - Comparative evaluation theory for practice (3.0 cr)
or [OLPD 8502](#) - Advanced Evaluation Theory and Theory crafting (3.0 cr)
- [OLPD 5521](#) - Cost and Economic Analysis in Educational Evaluation (3.0 cr)
- [OLPD 8596](#) - Evaluation Internship (1.0 - 9.0 cr)

Additional coursework

Additional coursework must be selected in conjunction with, and approved by, the minor adviser.