

**Research Methods VI:
Program Evaluation: Theory and Practice**

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Advanced topics, issues and techniques in program evaluation in criminological and socio-legal research. The specific subject matter will vary according to instructor interests and specialization. Specific areas of concentration may include: program theory; process analysis; impact detection; cost-benefit analysis; policy-program linkage.

PREREQUISITES:

CRIM 860 or permission of instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is intended to cover the domain of what is globally known as “program evaluation”, with a focus on the types of services commonly available in the CJS. Essentially that includes all kinds of research into program operations and effectiveness. Participants will absorb the contents of a standard program evaluation text to gain an understanding of the jargon, the world of program delivery, problem specification, methods, typical analyses, etc. Additional insight will be gained by examination of case studies and topical domains. Participants will be linked with a program to undertake a two part project: development of a program logic model, and either completion of a program evaluability assessment or evaluation plan. The exact nature of the project will be determined by the circumstances related to participant preferences and characteristics of the program.

EVALUATION:

Reading Quizzes	25%
Domain Report	25%
Project	50%

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Rossi, P. H., Lipsey, M. W., & Freeman, H. E. (2004). *Evaluation: A Systematic Approach*. (7th Ed.) Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

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