



Graduate Course Syllabus

CED 624: Project Evaluation in CED

Center: Online

Course Prerequisites

CED601, 602, 611, 621, 622 and 623

Course Description

This course, the final one in the Project sequence, focuses on assessment of what did and did not happen throughout the project, and comparison of actual to expected outcomes. Students conduct a project evaluation, and prepare and present a final report that describes the project, its outcomes, methodology and actual activities. The report includes analysis of the project, conclusions, and recommendations for future work and serves as the student's master's thesis.

Course Outcomes

- Develop a working understanding of the mechanics of evaluation
- Demonstrate practical knowledge in the application of evaluation principles and tools for project planning and determining outcome accomplishments
- Build proficiency in research, best practices, program strategy, and topic/field comprehension
- Build proficiency in the mechanics of project development including implementation, management, and evaluation
- Develop the ability to write evaluation reports in order to discuss program/project outcomes
- Identify and define sustainability in terms of community economic development
- Complete the master's thesis

Required Materials

There are no required materials.

Instructor Availability and Response Time

Your class interaction with the instructor and your classmates will take place on a regular, ongoing basis. Your instructor will be actively engaged within the course throughout the week. You will normally communicate with your instructor in the weekly discussions or the General Questions discussion topic so that your questions and the instructor's answers benefit the entire class. You should feel free, however, to communicate with your instructor via SNHU email at any time, particularly when you want to discuss something of a personal or sensitive nature. Your instructor will generally provide a response within 24 hours.

Grade Distribution

Assignment Category	Number of Graded Items	Point Value per Item	Total Points
Discussion	8	15	120
Final Project Milestone	6	50	300
Thesis Defense Presentation	1	110	110
Final Master's Thesis	1	410	410
		Total Course Points:	940

This course may also contain practice activities. The purpose of these non-graded activities is to assist you in mastering the learning outcomes in the graded activity items listed above.

University Grading System: Graduate

<i>Total Points: 940</i>				
Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Points	Points Equivalent	
			<i>Lower</i>	<i>Upper</i>
A	93-100	4.00	874	940
A-	90-92	3.67	846	873
B+	87-89	3.33	818	845
B	83-86	3.00	780	817
B-	80-82	2.67	752	779
C+	77-79	2.33	724	751
C	73-76	2.00	686	723
F	0-72	0.00	0	685
I	Incomplete			
IF	Incomplete/Failure*			
W	Withdrawn			

* Please refer to the [policy page](#) for information on the incomplete grade process.

Grading Guides

Specific activity directions, grading guides, posting requirements, and additional deadlines can be found in the Assignment Guidelines and Rubrics section of the course.

Weekly Assignment Schedule

All reading and assignment information can be found within each module of the course. Assignments and discussion posts during the first week of each term are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Assignments and discussion posts for the remainder of the term are due by 11:59 p.m. of the student's local time zone.

In addition to the textbook readings that are listed, there may be additional required resources within each module.

Module	Topics and Assignments
1	Jumping into Evaluation 1-1 Discussion: Defining Success 1-2 Final Project: Milestone One: Draft Thesis
2	Evaluation Approaches 2-1 Discussion: Approaching Evaluation 2-2 Final Project: Milestone Two: Forming Your Evaluation
3	Outcome Measurement 3-1 Discussion: Finding the Right Evaluation Design 3-2 Final Project: Milestone Three: Measuring Your Outcomes
4	Cost-Benefit Analysis 4-1 Discussion: Social Issues and Cost-Benefit Analysis/Cost-Effectiveness Analysis 4-2 Final Project: Milestone Four: Evaluation
5	The Future of Evaluation 5-1 Discussion: Evaluation: What We Have Learned 5-2 Final Project: Milestone Four: Evaluation
6	Sustainability 6-1 Discussion: Sustainable Elements 6-2 Final Project: Milestone Five: Sustainability
7	Results 7-1 Discussion: Results for All 7-2 Final Project: Milestone Six: Results
8	Conclusions and Recommendations 8-1 Discussion: Editing Personal Thoughts 8-2 Final Project: Milestone Seven: Conclusions and Recommendations
9	Preparing the Master's Thesis 9-1 Final Project: Milestone Eight: Creating the Official Version of Your Final Master's Thesis
10	Defending the Master's Thesis 10-1 Final Project: Milestone Nine: Master's Thesis Defense PowerPoint Presentation 10-2 Final Project: Milestone Ten: Final Master's Thesis

Attendance Policy

Online students are required to submit a graded assignment/discussion during the first week of class. If a student does not submit a posting to the graded assignment/discussion during the first week of class, the student is automatically withdrawn from the course for non-participation. Review the [full attendance policy](#).

Late Assignments Policy

Meeting assigned due dates is critical for demonstrating progress and ensuring appropriate time for instructor feedback on assignments. Students are expected to submit their assignments on or before the due date. Review the [full late assignment policy](#).

SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education Student Handbook

Review the [student handbook](#).

ADA/504 Compliance Statement

Southern New Hampshire University is dedicated to providing equal access to individuals with disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. The university prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of disability and takes action to prevent such discrimination by providing reasonable accommodations to eligible individuals with disabilities.

As soon as you become aware of a disability, we encourage you to contact the Online Accessibility Center (OAC) to discuss accommodations for which you may be qualified. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between the student and the OAC. Note that accommodations are not retroactive and that disability accommodations are not provided until an accommodation letter has been processed.

Contact Information:

Online Accessibility Center

Phone: 866-305-9430

Email: oad@snhu.edu

For questions concerning support services, documentation guidelines, or general disability issues, visit the [Online Accessibility Center](#) website.

If you feel you have been denied appropriate disability-related accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids and services, you may file a grievance as described in the ADA/504 Grievance Policy found on the [Disability Services](#) webpage.

Academic Honesty Policy

Southern New Hampshire University requires all students to adhere to high standards of integrity in their academic work. Activities such as plagiarism and cheating are not condoned by the university. Review the [full academic honesty policy](#).

Copyright Policy

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SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education Withdrawal Policy

Review the [full withdrawal policy](#).

Southern New Hampshire University Policies

More information about SNHU policies can be found on the [policy page](#).

Assessment Calibration and Student Work Samples

For the purpose of continuous improvement of our educational training, Southern New Hampshire University's College of Online and Continuing Education may, on occasion, utilize anonymous student work samples for internal professional development and staff training. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your advisor. If you would like to withdraw permission for use of your work, please contact the assessment calibration administrator at assessmentcalibration@snhu.edu. See [this document](#) for more information.