

# Health Program Evaluation

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<b>Overview:</b>	<p>Students specialising in Health Program Evaluation acquire knowledge and skills in both the theory and applied practice of the evaluation of health programs and public health interventions. The role of program evaluation in the conduct of public health programs is examined. There is a strong emphasis on broadening the roles of program evaluation to include program planning, design, implementation, or monitoring as the evaluative focus, as well as the more traditional impact evaluation. The importance of negotiation and planning of program evaluations with commissioners and stakeholders to enhance knowledge utilisation is stressed, and students develop skills in defining appropriate evaluation questions; applying a variety of data collection and analysis strategies; the effective reporting of evaluations; and developing different evaluation plans for pro-active, clarificative, interactive, monitoring and impact evaluation purposes. Students may choose to combine their study of Health Program Evaluation with the study of Economic Evaluation, as both represent important approaches to public health research and evaluation.</p>																												
<b>Objectives:</b>	-																												
<b>Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>200 Point Program: SIX core subjects and TEN elective subjects or EIGHT elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit of 25 points.          175 Point Program: SIX core subjects and EIGHT elective subjects or SIX elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit of 25 points.          150 Point Program: FIVE core subjects and SEVEN elective subjects or FIVE elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit of 25 points.</p>																												
<b>Subject Options:</b>	<p><b>Core Subjects</b>          Student must complete POPH90217 unless they have been granted 50 points Advanced Standing (150 point program) or an exemption has been granted.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90217 Foundations of Public Health</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90013 Biostatistics</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90014 Epidemiology</td> <td>March</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90218 Public Health Leadership and Management</td> <td>July</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90227 Public Health in Practice</td> <td>Not offered 2011</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Highly Recommended Electives</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90058 Health Program Evaluation 1</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90217 Foundations of Public Health	Semester 1	12.50	POPH90013 Biostatistics	Semester 1	12.50	POPH90014 Epidemiology	March	12.50	POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods	Semester 2	12.50	POPH90218 Public Health Leadership and Management	July	12.50	POPH90227 Public Health in Practice	Not offered 2011	12.50	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90058 Health Program Evaluation 1	Semester 1	12.50
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### Other Recommended Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90094 Health Economics 1	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90093 Economic Evaluation 1	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90095 Economic Evaluation 2	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90206 Health Policy	March	12.50
POPH90209 Health Systems	August	12.50

### Pre-requisite Subjects for the Research Project Option

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90058 Health Program Evaluation 1	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90090 Health Program Evaluation 2	Semester 2	12.50

### Research Project

Students may apply to enrol in a Research Project in Health Program Evaluation.

Those students who do undertake (or are currently enrolled in) the Research Project please note the following important information:

Students who have already completed one semester of their Research Project will be completing their project over two semester's (12.5 points per semester) so please enroll in the remaining semester.

Students who have not commenced their Research Project have the option of applying to enrol in a year-long research project or a semester-long research project.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90091 Research Project: Health Program Evaluation	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
POPH90223 Research Project: Health Program Evaluation	July, Semester 1	25

**Related Course(s):**

Master of Public Health