

CRJS 6960 - Program Planning and Evaluation

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Course Description

6960. Program Planning and Evaluation. A systematic review and evaluation of human services programs with special attention to the posting of questions in context; questions relating to the selections of design, method, and process of summative evaluation; and assessing the effectiveness of programs. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Social science research: Principles, methods and practices	Anol Bhattacharjee	Textbook is uploaded in course (9781475146127)

Renfro, J. L. (2023). *Public administration: The essentials*. University of Northern Iowa. Textbook is uploaded in course.

DeCarlo, M. (2018). *Scientific inquiry in social work*. Open Social Work Education. Textbook is uploaded in course.

National Institute of Justice
<https://nij.ojp.gov/>

CrimeSolutions
<https://crimesolutions.ojp.gov/>

OJJDP Model Programs Guide
<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/model-programs-guide>

Read Renfro: Chapter 1 Public Administration - The Basics

Read Renfro: Chapter 5 Public Policy

Read Renfro: Chapter 3 Organizational Management & the Foundations of Administration

Read DeCarlo: Chapter 12 Experimental Design

Read DeCarlo: Chapter 3 Reading & Evaluating Literature

Read Bhattacharjee: Chapter 3 The Research Process

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Read National Institute of Justice Article: Evaluating Technology-Based Services for Victims of Crime

Read DeCarlo: Chapter 15 Real world Research

Read DeCarlo: Chapter 1 Intro to Research

Read DeCarlo: Chapter 16 Reporting Research

Read DeCarlo: Chapter 5 Ethics in Social Work Research

Read Bhattacharjee: Chapter 16 Research Ethics

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Read Renfro: Chapter 1 – Public Administration – The Basics	: Introduction to Program Planning and the Program Evaluation	DQ #1 Chapter 1 (due 08/31/2026) Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday DQ #2-Introduction Discussion Post (due 03/16/2026) Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday
8/31	Read Renfro: Chapter 5: Public Policy	Public Problems, Community Needs, and Strategic Planning	Quiz #1: Chapter 5 due 09/06/2026
9/7	Read Renfro: Chapter 3: Organizational Management & the Foundations of Administration	Needs Assessment and Stakeholder Analysis	Quiz #2: Chapter 3 due 09/14/2026 DQ #3: Chapter 3 (due 09/14/2026) Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday
9/14	Read DeCarlo: Chapter 12: Experimental Design	Foundations of Program Evaluation and Evaluation Design	Quiz #3: Chapter 12 due 09/21/2026
9/21	Read DeCarlo: Chapter 3: Reading & Evaluating Literature Read Bhattacharjee: Chapter 3: The Research Process	Developing Evaluation Questions	DQ #4 Chapter 3: due 09/28/2026 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday
9/28	Read Bhattacharjee: Chapter 3: The Research Process	Preparing for Program Implementation	Quiz #4: Chapter 3 Bhattacharjee
10/5	Read: Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Implementation Science Checklist Series Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Implementation Science Checklist Series – Step 3: Prepare for Implementation (2021)	Program Implementation and Organizational Leadership	Written Assignment: Program Implementation & Planning due 10/11/2026
10/12	Read National Institute of Justice Article: Evaluating Technology-Based Services for Victims of Crime	Implementation Fidelity and Process Evaluation	Annotated Bibliography Assignment due 10/18/26
10/19	Read DeCarlo: Chapter 15: Real world Research Read OJJDP Model Programs Guide	Outcome Evaluation and Measuring Program Success	Quiz #5 Chapter 15: due 10/26/2026 DQ #5: due 10/26/2026
10/26	Read DeCarlo: Chapter 1: Intro to Research	Evidence-Based Criminal Justice Programs	DQ #6 Chapter 1: due 11/02/26 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday Quiz #6 Chapter 1: due 11/02/26
11/2	Research YSU Library Research & Review National Institute of Justice (NIJ)	Performance Management and Accountability	Critical Thinking Exercise #1 due 11/09/2026



11/9	Research & Review an NIJ evaluation report of a Crime Solutions program profile	Budgeting, Resource Allocation, and Program Sustainability	Critical Thinking Exercise #2 due 11/16/2026 at 6:00 p.m.
11/16	Read DeCarlo: Chapter 16: Reporting Research	Communicating Evaluation Findings	Quiz #7 Chapter 16 due 11/23/26
11/23	Research National Institute of Justice Research Crime Solutions	Using Evaluation Results for Program Improvement	DQ #7 due by 11/20/2026
11/30	Read DeCarlo: Chapter 5: Ethics in Social Work Research	Ethics and Future Challenges in Program Planning and Evaluation	DQ #8 Chapter 5 due 12/07/2026 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday
12/7	Read DeCarlo: Chapter 5: Ethics in Social Work Research Read Bhattacharjee: Chapter 16: Research Ethics	Integrating Program Planning and Evaluation	Final Exam due 12/07/2026

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