

PG DipSSER – FAQs

What papers are available?

Students complete four distance papers – the three compulsory papers (230.701, 230.702, 230.703) each have three 1-day compulsory contact courses on the Wellington campus. All papers are delivered via Stream – the interactive web-based teaching interface – and require broadband access.

How do I enrol?

Students who wish to enrol or indicate an interest in the course are invited to contact Megan Burnett, College of Humanities & Social Sciences and/or submit their online applications for enrolment in any of the three papers that will be offered in 2013.

Contacts:

- Megan Burnett +64 (4) 801 5799 extension 6696
- Email: m.j.burnett@massey.ac.nz

You will need to submit a brief CV and a certified transcript of your academic record to be accepted into the course. Enrol online:

www.massey.ac.nz/massey/admission/enrolment/online_enrolment

How Much Does It Cost?

You can find the fees information on the website at: [www.massey.ac.nz/Home/icon/Postgrad Students/ Costs and Admission](http://www.massey.ac.nz/Home/icon/Postgrad%20Students/ Costs and Admission)

What is the workload?

These papers are worth 30 credits and are post-graduate. At this level, to achieve well, you need to commit about 18-20 hours per week plus the time you put into your contact courses. That includes time to read widely, reflect, prepare for and produce written assignments, and participate in discussion groups online and/or student study group.

How many assignments are there?

The assignments vary for each paper but are the equivalent of 10,000 words of assessable material. Details of each of the papers can be found online at: www.massey.ac.nz/Teaching and Learning/Courses/Paper Search/

Does prior learning count?

Information about recognition of prior learning is available on the website at:

Web: www.massey.ac.nz/Postgrad Students/Recognition of Prior Learning

Do I have to be working in evaluation at present?

No, you do not need to be working in evaluation at present but you do need a relevant social science background and strong grades (B+ average) if you do not have an evaluation background.

Do I have to be good at stats or maths?

No, you do not, but you do need to be able or prepared to work with and learn about how statistical data is used in evaluation and how to make confident sense of such data.

Is the course distance or internal?

The papers are taught in distance mode only, with contact course days at the Massey Wellington Campus. For those who are unfamiliar with distance study, a range of issues are discussed on the website:

[www.massey.ac.nz/Teaching and Learning/Distance Learning \(Extramural\)](http://www.massey.ac.nz/Teaching and Learning/Distance Learning (Extramural))

Will there be much of a focus of Kaupapa Maori methods in any/all of the papers?

There will be some emphasis in all of the papers on approaches such as kaupapa Maori – the extent to which this can happen is dependant to some extent on staffing and/or the availability of teaching experts in these fields.

Please email any further questions to: m.j.burnett@massey.ac.nz

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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL SECTOR EVALUATION RESEARCH (PGDippSSER)

230.701 – Evaluation: Theory and Principles

An examination, at an advanced level, of the context, theories and principles of evaluation and what it means to undertake evaluative activity in a range of social sector settings. This paper is offered in Semester 1.

230.702 – Professional Evaluation Practice

An advanced level focus on what supports the 'craft' of evaluation practice: roles and expectations, project management, ethical practice, innovation, and dissemination of findings. This paper is offered in Semester 2.

230.703 – Techniques and Methods in Evaluation Research

An in-depth examination of a range of qualitative, quantitative, mixed and innovative methods, skills and techniques as they would be applied to practical, 'real-life' evaluation questions. This paper is offered in Semester 1.

200.798 – Special Topic – Independent Evaluation Project / or Literature Review / or PhD proposal

This is a full year paper and must be enrolled for in Semester 1.

Another approved paper may be negotiated with the Course Convenor.

For information online: www.massey.ac.nz/Teaching and Learning/Courses/Program Search/Postgraduate Diploma in Social Sector Evaluation Research

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The Postgraduate Diploma in Social Sector Evaluation Research prepares students for professional evaluation practice by increasing their knowledge, understanding and technical and professional skills in social sector evaluation in both policy and service delivery contexts.

ELIGIBILITY

Must have been awarded a relevant tertiary degree and admission to Postgraduate Study which may take into account academic qualifications and/or relevant work experience.

STRUCTURE

120 credits consisting of four 30 credit papers at 700 level of which 230.701, 230.702 and 230.703 are compulsory.

DISTINCTION

Students who complete within three years of first enrolling for part-time study may be eligible for Distinction.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Social Sector Evaluation Research papers are:

230.701, 230.702, 230.703 (compulsory), and a further 30 credits:

200.798 (special topic – evaluation related project or literature review)

(or other approved paper negotiated with the Course Co-ordinator)

Papers offered at Wellington in 2012:

Semester 1: 230.701, 230.703

Semester 2: 230.702

Double Semester: Special Topic

Massey university has over twenty years' experience in tailor-making courses specifically for organisations' needs. We have the expertise to develop a short course that upskills your staff evaluation.

If you are interested in a tailored short course please contact Megan Burnett:
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