Western Michigan University’s Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Evaluation (IDPE) focuses on developing evaluation scholars and practitioners who have deep knowledge of evaluation theory, methodology, and practice as well as superior critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The program is, therefore, designed to develop and nurture evaluation thought leaders who have superior skills in designing, conducting, reporting, and critiquing evaluations.

The IDPE is the only program of its type in the world. As an interdisciplinary program, it is housed in The Evaluation Center and offered by the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Development, Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Health and Human Services. Each student’s doctoral degree is conferred by the home college rather than by a department in a college or the Evaluation Center.

The IDPE is a competency-based program of study, where each student’s program of study is individually tailored to develop the competencies necessary for becoming a highly skilled evaluator and to address individual professional goals.

The IDPE is a truly multidisciplinary program, where students are exposed to a variety of disciplinary traditions, problem-solving strategies, and methods of inquiry.

IDPE prepares students to engage in critical thinking, challenging discussion, and debate.

The IDPE exposes students to many of the field’s leaders and pioneers, through direct interaction and instruction as well as through frequent opportunities to personally engage and work with these influential scholars and practitioners.

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Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
A major focus of the interdisciplinary program will be to develop thought leaders in evaluation, individuals with deep knowledge of evaluation theory, methodology, and practice, with superior skills in practical and critical thinking, and a knack for seeing opportunities for innovation and improvement.

Admissions
For applicants requesting financial support, all materials are due no later than February 15 with a course start date in the following Fall semester. For applicants not requesting financial support, all materials are due no later than June 15 with a course start date in the following Fall semester. International student applications should keep in mind the additional lead time needed to acquire the appropriate visa. GRE scores are required for this program. For additional application information visit program website: [wmich.edu/evalphd/](http://wmich.edu/evalphd/)

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
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