COL 792 - Project Evaluation

**Important Note:** This syllabus, along with course assignments and due dates, are subject to change. It is the student’s responsibility to check Canvas for corrections or updates to the syllabus. Any changes will be clearly noted in a course announcement or through email.

# Course Information

## Instructor Information

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## Expected response time

* I will attempt to respond to student emails within 24 hours. If you have not received a reply from me within 24 hours please resend your email.
* Do note that conversations via phone or Zoom are often the most effective way to answer your questions and support your work. A brief conversation can also be more efficient than writing. Know that my schedule is open after hours and on weekends, so do not limit your availability to “work hours.”
* I will attempt to reply to and assess student discussion posts within 48 hours of discussions closing.

* I will attempt to grade written work within 72 hours, however longer written assignments may take me longer to read and assess.

## Course Description

Implement and evaluate a community development project plan. Critical analysis and class discussion of process and outcome measures. Prepare and present professional report of findings and recommendations to class and community stakeholders. **Credits:** 3; **Prerequisite:** COL 791

As a capstone of your graduate experience, this course integrates your accumulated knowledge and skills (competencies) from the graduate program and applies them to 1) project development, implementation and evaluation; 2) your growth as a leader and manager within the community and profession; and 3) further exploring timely and essential community development topics.

## Textbook & Course Materials

**Required Text:** none

**Required Readings:** All reading materials will be posted in Canvas

**Recommended Texts & Other Readings:** All will be posted in Canvas

## Course Learning Outcomes

After completing COL 792, student will be able to demonstrate the following program competencies:

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| **Competency 1: Describe community development as part of the larger interrelated system that influences populations at local, national and global levels** |
| 1.2 Analyze relationships among behavior, environmental, social, and economic factors that influence policies, programs and services that affect the community |
| 1.3 Suggest collaborative relationships that may be needed to improve community development |
| 1.4 Incorporate diverse perspectives in developing, implementing, and evaluating policies, programs and services that affect the community |
| **Competency 2: Address the diversity of individuals and populations when developing, implementing, and evaluating policies, programs and services that affect the community** |
| 2.2 Facilitate communication among diverse individuals, groups or organizations |
| 2.3 Describe the ways the dimensions of wellness support individuals and communities |
| 2.6 Demonstrate conflict management strategies |
| **Competency 3: Demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving to support community programs, policies, and services for diverse populations** |
| 3.1 Utilize critical thinking skills that will apply in professional practice |
| 3.3 Describe application of quantitative and qualitative data to improve community assets (programs, services, public health) |
| 3.4 Describe how evidence is used in decision making (policies, population or program change) |
| 3.5 Incorporate ethical principles that will apply in professional practice |

## Topic Outline/Schedule

**Important Note:** The Canvas course home page has modules in which activity details are explained. As tasks come due, they appear in your “to do” list. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor.

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| **Topic** | **Competencies Demonstrated** |
| Management skills | 3.1, 3.5 |
| Leadership skills | 2.2, 3.1, 2.5 |
| Community Development - intersectionality | 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1 |
| Building Community with alliances | 1.2, 1.3. 1.4, 2.2, 3.4, 3.5 |
| Building Community with participants | 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 3.4, 3.5 |
| Essential Public Health Services | 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 3.1, 3.4. 3.5 |
| Social Inequity | 1.2, 1.3, 2.3, 2.6 |
| Social Policy | 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 2.6, 3.1, 3.4, 3.5 |
| Program Evaluation | 1.2, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 |
| Program Summary and Reporting | 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 |

## Student Expectations

In this course you will be expected to complete the following types of tasks.

* communicate via email
* complete basic internet searches
* download and upload documents to Canvas
* read documents online
* participate in online (Canvas) discussions

# Grading Policies

## Graded Course Activities

Click the **Assignments** link in Canvas to access assignment listing. Click the **Grades** link to see current grades.

Based on your project plan from COL791, you will complete your project evaluation. Applying knowledge and skills from previous required graduate courses will support your success and further develop your professional skills.

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| **Assignment** | **Points** |
| Discussions:  3 asynchronous  2 synchronous – TBD | 100 |
| Program assessment | 50 |
| Journal – professional development reflections | 90 |
| Final project presentation to class  Week 12 - TBD | 75 |
| Final project report to stakeholder(s) | 125 |
| **Total Points Possible** | **440** |

* Your project will progress with your community under the guidance of your instructor. It is your responsibility to regularly communicate your progress so the instructor can provide guidance, resources, and suggestions.
* Discussions will focus on topics covered in the current module. Your contribution based on your experiences in community program development, implementation, and evaluation contributes to everyone gaining a deeper understanding of the topic.
* Weekly reflection on your professional development, including knowledge and skills and next steps in development, will strengthen self-knowledge and confidence marketing yourself.

## Participation

Students are expected to complete all assignments according to the general rubric below and participate in all online discussions in a professional, conscientious manner that advances their own and their peers’ learning and goals for project planning and professional development. Because of the nature of discussions, no points can be granted for late posts or replies.

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| General rubric for assignments |
| Assignment objectives met |
| All elements of the assignment were included |
| Professional style requirements met, including citations |
| Formatting requirements met |
| Master’s level writing demonstrated as well as correct grammar,  spelling, word usage, clarity, logical flow of ideas, etc. |

## Complete Assignments

**All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through Canvas unless otherwise instructed.**

## Late Work Policy

* + Assignments must be submitted by the given deadline or special permission must be requested from instructor *before the due date*.
  + Because of the nature of discussions, missed discussion posts cannot be made up or completed late.

## Letter Grade Assignment

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| **Letter Grade** | **Percentage** | **Letter Grade** | **Percentage** |
| A | 93-100% | C+ | 77-79% |
| A- | 90-92% | C | 73-76% |
| B+ | 87-89% | C- | 70-72% |
| B | 83-86% | D+ | 67-69% |
| B- | 80-82% | D | 60-66% |
|  |  | F | 0-59% |

# Technology

## Protecting your Data and Privacy

UW-System approved tools meet security, privacy, and data protection standards. For a list of approved tools, visit this website. <https://www.wisconsin.edu/dle/external-application-integration-requests/>

Tools not listed on the website linked above may not meet security, privacy, and data protection standards. If you have questions about tools, contact the UWSP IT Service Desk at 715-346-4357.

Here are steps you can take to protect your data and privacy.

* Use different usernames and passwords for each service you use
* Do not use your UWSP username and password for any other services
* Use secure versions of websites whenever possible (HTTPS instead of HTTP)
* Have updated antivirus software installed on your devices

### RECOMMENDED SYLLABUS LANGUAGE FOR INSTRUCTORS WHO INTEND TO USE APPLICATIONS OR SERVICES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY UW-SYSTEM

This course requires posting of work online that is viewable only by your classmates. None of the work submitted online will be shared publicly. Some assignments require account creation for online programs. The instructor of this course will not share your academic records (grades, student IDs). Confidentiality of student work is imperative, so you should not share the work of your peers publicly without their permission. By participating in these assignments, you are giving consent to sharing of your work with others in this class and you recognize there is a small risk of your work being shared online beyond the purposes of this course. Examples of additional risks include data mining by the company providing the service, selling of your email to third parties, and release of ownership of data shared through the tool. If you elect to not participate in these online assignments due to confidentiality concerns, then an alternate assignment will be offered to you. [**UWSP Handbook Chapter 9 Section 5**]

## Course Technology Requirements

* View this website to see [minimum recommended computer and internet configurations for Canvas](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10721).
* You will also need access to a stable internet connection (don't rely on cellular), webcam, and microphone to participate in this course.

## UWSP Technology Support

* Visit with a [Student Technology Tutor](https://www.uwsp.edu/tlc/Pages/techTutoring.aspx%22http:/www.uwsp.edu/tlc/Pages/ComputerGuides.asp%22http:/www.uwsp.edu/tlc/Pages/ComputerGuides.asp)
* Seek assistance from the [IT Service Desk](https://www.uwsp.edu/infotech/Pages/ServiceDesk/default.aspx) (Formerly HELP Desk)
  + IT Service Desk Phone: 715-346-4357 (HELP)
  + IT Service Desk Email: [techhelp@uwsp.edu](mailto:techhelp@uwsp.edu)

## Canvas Support: Click the   button in the left menu and note the options that appear:

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| Support Options | Explanations |
|  | Use **Ask Your Instructor a Question** sparingly; technical questions are best reserved for Canvas personnel and help as detailed below. |
|  | **Chat**ting **with Canvas Support (Student)** will initiate a *text chat* with Canvas support. Response can be qualified with severity level. |
|  | **Contact**ing **Canvas Support via email** will allow you to explain in detail or even upload a screenshot to show your particular difficulty. |
|  | Calling the Canvas number will let Canvas know that you're from UWSP; phone option is available 24/7. |
|  | **Search**ing **the** [**Canvas guides**](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701) connects you to documents that are searchable by issue. You may also opt for [**Canvas video guides**](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-3891)**.** |
|  | If you have an idea for Canvas that might make instructions or navigation easier, feel free to offer your thoughts through this **Submit a Feature Idea** avenue. |

*All options are available 24/7; however, if you opt to email your instructor, s/he may not be available immediately.*

* Self-train on Canvas with [Self-enrolling/paced Canvas training course](https://uws.instructure.com/enroll/FNRAL8)

# Course Policies

## Netiquette Guidelines

Netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online. Your instructor and fellow students wish to foster a safe online learning environment. All opinions and experiences, no matter how different or controversial they may be perceived, must be respected in the tolerant spirit of academic discourse. You are encouraged to comment, question, or critique an idea but you are not to attack an individual. Working as a community of learners, we can build a polite and respectful course community.

The following netiquette tips will enhance the learning experience for everyone in the course:

* Do not dominate any discussion.
* Give other students the opportunity to join in the discussion.
* Do not use offensive language. Present ideas appropriately.
* Be cautious in using Internet language. For example, do not capitalize all letters since this suggests shouting.
* Popular emoticons such as ☺ or / can be helpful to convey your tone but do not overdo or overuse them.
* Avoid using vernacular and/or slang language. This could possibly lead to misinterpretation.
* Never make fun of someone’s ability to read or write.
* Share tips with other students.
* Keep an “open-mind” and be willing to express even your minority opinion. Minority opinions have to be respected.
* Think and edit before you push the “Send” button.
* Do not hesitate to ask for feedback.
* Using humor is acceptable

Adapted from:

Mintu-Wimsatt, A., Kernek, C., & Lozada, H. R. (2010). *Netiquette: Make it part of your syllabus*. Journal of Online Learning and Teaching, 6(1). Retrieved from <http://jolt.merlot.org/vol6no1/mintu-wimsatt_0310.htm>

Shea, V. (1994). Netiquette. Albion.com. Retrieved from: <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/book/>.

## Build Rapport

If you find that you have any trouble keeping up with assignments or other aspects of the course, make sure you let your instructor know as early as possible. As you will find, building rapport and effective relationships are key to becoming an effective professional. Make sure that you are proactive in informing your instructor when difficulties arise during the semester so that we can help you find a solution.

## Understand When You May Drop This Course

It is the student’s responsibility to understand when they need to consider unenrolling from a course. Refer to the UWSP [Academic Calendar](https://www.uwsp.edu/regrec/Pages/calendars.aspx) for dates and deadlines for registration. After this period, a serious and compelling reason is required to drop from the course. Serious and compelling reasons includes: (1) documented and significant change in work hours, leaving student unable to attend class, or (2) documented and severe physical/mental illness/injury to the student or student’s family.

## Incomplete Policy

Under emergency/special circumstances, students may petition for an incomplete grade. An incomplete will only be assigned if the instructor deems the circumstances warrant a grade of incomplete. The timeframe for completing all incomplete course assignments will be determined by the instructor based on student circumstances.

## Inform Your Instructor of Any Accommodations Needed

If you have a documented disability and verification from the [Disability and Assistive Technology Center](https://www.uwsp.edu/datc/Pages/default.aspx) and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact your instructor as soon as possible. It is the student’s responsibility to provide documentation of disability to Disability Services and meet with a Disability Services counselor to request special accommodation *before* classes start.

The Disability and Assistive Technology Center is located in 609 Albertson Hall and can be contacted by phone at (715) 346-3365 (Voice) (715) 346-3362 (TDD only) or via email at [datctr@uwsp.edu](mailto:datctr@uwsp.edu%22mailto:datctr@uwsp.ed)mailto:datctr@uwsp.edu

**Statement of Policy**

UW-Stevens Point will modify academic program requirements as necessary to ensure that they do not discriminate against qualified applicants or students with disabilities. The modifications should not affect the substance of educational programs or compromise academic standards; nor should they intrude upon academic freedom. Examinations or other procedures used for evaluating students' academic achievements may be adapted. The results of such evaluation must demonstrate the student's achievement in the academic activity, rather than describe his/her disability.

*If modifications are required due to a disability, please inform the instructor and contact the Disability and Assistive Technology Center in 609 ALB, or (715) 346-3365.*

## Commit to Integrity

As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class and integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.

## UWSP Academic Honesty Policy & Procedures

**Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures**

UWSP 14.01 Statement of principles

The board of regents, administrators, faculty, academic staff and students of the university of Wisconsin system believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education and of the university of Wisconsin system. The university has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others’ academic endeavors. Students who violate these standards must be confronted and must accept the consequences of their actions.

UWSP 14.03 Academic misconduct subject to disciplinary action.

(1) Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:

(a) Seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;

(b) Uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;

(c) Forges or falsifies academic documents or records;

(d) Intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others;

(e) Engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance; or

(f) Assists other students in any of these acts.

(2) Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to: cheating on an examination; collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course; submitting a paper or assignment as one's own work when a part or all of the paper or assignment is the work of another; submitting a paper or assignment that contains ideas or research of others without appropriately identifying the sources of those ideas; stealing examinations or course materials; submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course; tampering with the laboratory experiment or computer program of another student; knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

## Religious Beliefs

Relief from any academic requirement due to religious beliefs will be accommodated according to UWS 22.03, with notification within the first three weeks of class.