

M.A. / Research and Evaluation Methods

To be submitted during the second term of enrollment in the program, prior to the opening of registration for the third term of enrollment

Name _____ Comprehensive Exam Date _____ SEMESTER/YEAR _____

BC ID _____ Anticipated Completion Date _____ SEMESTER/YEAR _____

Course Number and Title ¹	Credits	Summer	Fall	Spring	T/W ²
MESA6830 Interpretation and Evaluation of Research ³	3				
MESA6820 Critical Perspectives on Research Methodology	3				
MESA6310 Evaluation Practice & Methods	3				
MESA6210 Instrument Design and Development	3				
Two of the following Statistics Courses⁴ (6 Credits):					
MESA6410 Introductory Statistics	6				
MESA6420 Intermediate Statistics					
MESA8440 Multivariate Statistical Analysis					
MESA8430 General Linear Models					
APSY8851 Design of Qualitative Research	3				
MESA7840 Mixed Methods Research	3				
Two Electives⁵ (6 Credits):					
	3				
	3				
MESA8100 Master's Comprehensive Examination ⁴	0				
Total Credits	30				

- For more information on when each course is offered, please refer to the second page. Indicate the year under the corresponding semester column for when you completed or plan to complete each course.
- Insert a T (transfer), W (waiver) or S (substitute) as appropriate. Students may waive or substitute any required courses with advisor approval. If seeking a transfer or waiver you must complete the appropriate paperwork under the guidance of your faculty advisor. Reasons for waiving a course include demonstration of knowledge covered in a course through prior coursework or experience and reasons for substituting a course include scheduling considerations and similar content covered in the courses.
- May waive with prior human subjects research coursework or experience.
- Students should choose two of the listed statistics courses to build on prior knowledge. If students meet the requirement to waive Introductory Statistics they are only required to complete one additional statistics course.
- All elective courses must be approved by an advisor prior to registration. Please see the list of suggested electives on the following page. There is a space for an additional elective if a student waives a requirement.
- Students will be considered full-time during the semester they are registered for MESA8100, Master's Comprehensive Exam.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

FACULTY ADVISOR _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ASSOCIATE DEAN, GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICES _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

COMMENTS:

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For general guidelines of when courses are offered, please see below.

Please refer to Eagle Apps for the most up to date course offerings.

Course Number and Title	Semester Offered
MESA6210 Instrument Design and Development	Spring
MESA6310 Evaluation Practice & Methods	Fall
MESA6410 Introductory Statistics	Fall / Spring / Summer
MESA6420 Intermediate Statistics	Fall / Spring
MESA6830 Interpretation and Evaluation of Research	Fall / Spring / Summer
MESA6820 Critical Perspectives on Research Methodology	Check with Department
MESA7840 Mixed Methods Research	Fall
APSY8851 Design of Qualitative Research	Fall / Spring
MESA8100 Master's Comprehensive Examination <i>Students must register for MESA8100 once during their program. Exams are coordinated by the MESA department and students typically complete the exam in their last semester.</i>	Fall / Spring / Summer

Suggested Electives - Focus on Educational Research

Course Number and Title	Semester Offered
MESA7240 Assessment Programs	Fall
MESA8850 Design of Experiments & Causal Inference	Check with Department
MESA8220 Psychometric Theory I: Classical Test Theory and Rasch Models	Fall

Suggested Electives - Focus on Interdisciplinary Evaluation

Course Number and Title	Semester Offered
MESA7320 Evaluation Theory & Research	Spring
MESA7330 Advanced Topics in Evaluation	Fall
MESA8260 Seminar in Evaluation and Public Policy	Check with Department
LREN7401 Theory of Change (1 Credit)	Spring

Suggested Electives - Methods Courses at Boston College

Course Number and Title	Semester Offered
SOCY5000 Interviewing Methods	Check with Department
ISYS6625 Geographic Information Systems	Check with Department
ISYS6645 Data Visualization	Check with Department