RESEARCH AND EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The research and evaluation methodology (REM) program offers a way to combine substantive interests about education with advanced training in research methods. A central mission of the program is to give students the training they need to use sophisticated methods that shed light on policies, programs and practices that have been enacted to facilitate student learning and to mitigate educational inequality. Students will learn not only how to apply a methodological approach, but to think deeply about when and why the approach is sensible given the real-world context that motivated the need for research. Learning how to do high quality research is just one piece of the puzzle. Communicating one’s findings with clarity is another. In REM, students will develop the ability to convey the results from complicated studies to a broad audience.

A spirit of critical inquiry is a defining feature of the community. When claims about education are made—by students or faculty—it is expected that those claims will be supported by an empirical warrant. The faculty strive to foster an environment for students that is at once challenging and supportive. During the weekly “REM seminar,” students have the opportunity to interact with invited speakers, discuss timely research topics and studies, brainstorm ideas for publishable papers and practice giving oral presentations. Close contact between students and faculty is the rule, not the exception. The faculty teach courses and mentor students with the same commitment and dedication that is evident in our scholarly research. Students can expect to experience on-going support as they embark on a path that begins with coursework, transitions to dissertation prospectus and defense, and culminates in a job that meshes with career aspirations.

Doctoral Degree

• Education - Research and Evaluation Methodology - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/education/programs-study/research-evaluation-methodology/education-research-evaluation-methodology-doctor-philosophy-phd)