

# Online Courses in Realist Research and Evaluation

The **Realist Research Evaluation and Learning Initiative (RREALI)** team at Charles Darwin University are pleased to announce three new courses in realist research and evaluation methodology being offered in 2025.

Each course is fully online, offered in two different modes. The two modes are taught together in one cohort, with identical course content.

- **Micro-credentials** require assessment and provide a formal academic transcript and university credit points.\*
- **Non-Accredited Short Courses** do not require assessment and provide a certificate of attendance only.

**Introduction to Realist Philosophy of Science** Gain a solid grounding in realist philosophy of science, the foundation for all realist work. It is strongly recommended to complete this course prior to taking Realist Review and/or Realist Evaluation.

[Micro-Credential Option](#)

28 April – 30 May 2025 (4 weeks,  
plus 5<sup>th</sup> week for assessment)  
\$1308 AUD

[Non-Accredited Option](#)

28 April – 23 May 2025 (4 weeks)  
\$785 AUD

**Realist Review** Learn how to design and conduct a realist literature review.

[Micro-Credential Option](#)

23 June – 18 July 2025 (3 weeks, plus  
4<sup>th</sup> week for assessment)  
\$981 AUD

[Non-Accredited Option](#)

23 June – 11 July 2025 (3 weeks)  
\$590 AUD

**Realist Evaluation** Learn how to design and conduct a realist evaluation.

[Micro-Credential Option](#)

18 Aug – 12 Sept 2025 (3 weeks,  
plus 4<sup>th</sup> week for assessment)  
\$981 AUD

[Non-Accredited Option](#)

18 Aug – 05 Sept 2025 (3 weeks)  
\$590 AUD

## Who should attend?

- ✓ **Postgraduate Students** using, or considering use of, realist research/evaluation
- ✓ **Evaluators and Researchers** undertaking or planning realist research/evaluation
- ✓ **Commissioners** of realist research/evaluation

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\* Taken as micro-credentials, the three units are equivalent to a 10 credit point unit, “Realist Research and Evaluation”, offered as part of the Master of Public Policy at Charles Darwin University.

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## Facilitators



### **Professor Gill Westthorp**

Professorial Research Fellow at Northern Institute, CDU

Gill is co-author of the international standards for realist evaluation and realist review and has 25 years' experience using realist approaches in multiple sectors, including community services, education, international development and health. She is the foremost realist expert in Australia/New Zealand and leader of the RREALI team at CDU.



### **Dr. Kerry O'Rourke**

Senior Research Fellow at Northern Institute, CDU

Kerry is a social science and public health researcher with expertise in equity, spanning primary prevention of illness through to the social dimensions of health care services. Kerry has been doing realist work for 8 years.



### **Cara Donohue**

Research Fellow at Northern Institute, CDU

Cara is an evaluator/researcher in international development, with experience working with organisations ranging from grassroots initiatives to large INGOs. She has been using realist methodology in her work since 2015.

## Register now!

For more information and to register, go to the [Realist Research and Evaluation Credentials](#) webpage.