

HUMN 7019 EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102575

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Description This unit uses comparative analysis of different emergency responses to humanitarian disasters to provide students with the skills and knowledge required to play a role in future emergency and disaster management. Students will gain knowledge of the geo-political forces and key international frameworks and standards that shape humanitarian responses, and of the motivations and approaches of aid donors and humanitarian NGOs when intervening in states. They will also gain foundational knowledge of assessment of NGO capacities and organisational infrastructure for managing emergencies, for example their organisational structures and cultures, donor priorities, support systems and personnel.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Studies in Human Society, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Contrast the different emergency responses to humanitarian disasters through a comparative analysis of the skills and knowledge required in emergency and disaster management.
2. Critically analyse the geo-political forces and key international frameworks and standards that shape humanitarian responses
3. Articulate the motivations and approaches of aid donors and humanitarian NGOs when intervening in states.
4. Demonstrate a foundational knowledge in the assessment of NGO capacities and organisational infrastructure such as organisational structures and cultures, donor priorities, support systems and personnel for managing emergencies.

Subject Content

- A comparative analysis of the different emergency responses to humanitarian disasters in development of the skills and knowledge required in emergency and disaster management.
- A critical analysis of the geo-political forces and key international frameworks and standards that shape humanitarian responses.
- An exploration of the motivations and approaches of aid donors and humanitarian NGOs when intervening in states.
- A foundational knowledge of the assessment of NGO capacities and organisational infrastructure such as organisational structures and cultures, donor priorities, support systems and personnel for managing emergencies.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are

regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Essay	1,500 words	20	N	Individual
Case Study	1,500 words	30	N	Individual
End-of-session Exam	2 hours	50	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- James, E., 2017. Managing humanitarian relief: an operational guide for NGOs. Second Edition. Practical Action Publishing.

Teaching Periods

Autumn

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

Day

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