

Coventry University, School of Science and the Environment – MSc Emergency Planning and Management

Coventry University, School of Science and the Environment offers an MSc Emergency Planning and Management. Recent emergencies in the UK have made clear the need for enhanced levels of resilience. This course has been designed with this need in mind, in order to give you the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary to fulfil duties that fall upon organisations, arising from UK civil contingencies legislation. It aims to equip you to deliver more effective responses to realised risks and threats. The course will also provide you with an understanding of the issues that underlie many problems faced by emergency planning and management practitioners and how these issues may be addressed, in practice – with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of integrated emergency management.

This course enjoys an excellent reputation, with many students enrolling on the basis of professional colleague recommendations.

The course is broadly-based, covering a wide range of topics within the interdisciplinary field of Emergency Planning and Management. It places an emphasis on academic content and on the application of theory and concepts, taught by staff with a variety of backgrounds - both academic and practitioner. The course uses case studies to illustrate how applied and theoretical knowledge complement each other.

A wide range of students enroll on the course – UK/EU and International; those at the start of their careers, and experienced practitioners. This, combined with the ‘face-to-face’ teaching, serves to foster a stimulating and supportive ‘learning community’. Although International Students must attend classes on a weekly basis, the five-day block teaching format and flexible duration for Part-time Students allows busy professionals to fit their studies into their other ongoing commitments.

The course provides an opportunity for a wide range of study, such as:

- Disaster and Emergency Planning (double module)
- Integrated Emergency Management, Practice and Issues
- Communities – Approaches to Resilience and Engagement
- Risk, Crisis, and Continuity Management
- Incident Command
- Technology for Disaster and Emergency Management
- Management of Natural and Environmental Hazards
- Research Design and Methods
- Dissertation

Teaching for subjects normally involves one week of ‘face-to-face’ contact at the University followed by several weeks of study. International ‘Tier 4’ (non-UK/EU) students are required to take the course on a full-time basis and must receive some teaching, each week, for one module each semester, in order to meet Home Office requirements. A Postgraduate Certificate may be awarded following the successful completion of four topics; a Postgraduate Diploma would require the successful completion of an additional four topics; and an MSc degree would require,

also, the successful completion of a dissertation. Assessment is by coursework. As well as satisfying the required standards for an academic research project, the dissertation will allow you to focus your learning on your own particular professional development needs.

Applicants should ideally hold a good honours degree 2.2 or above in a relevant academic discipline. However, applications from candidates with relevant experience will also be considered on an individual basis and prior learning will be taken into account. An interview may be required. International applicants must also hold a minimum of 6.5 score in the IELTS test for English language.

Course Length: Full-time – 1 year Part-time – 3 years (flexible) (not applicable to international students)

Start Dates: September; and January (subject to change)

Program Requirements:

<u>Module Code</u>	<u>Module Title</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Cert</u>	<u>Diploma</u>	<u>Masters</u>
M116GED	Disaster and Emergency Planning	30	M	M	M
M42GED	Integrated Emergency Management, Practice and Issues	15	M	M	M
M115GED	Communities – Approaches to Resilience and Engagement	15	M	M	M
M36GED	Risk, Crisis, and Continuity Management			M	M
M100EXQ	Incident Command	15		O	O
M114GED	Technology for Disaster and Emergency Management	15		O	O
M40GED	Management of Natural and Environmental Hazards	15		O	O
M19GED	Humanitarian Theory and Practice in Disasters	15		O	O
M117GED	Disaster Risk Reduction and Development	30		O	M
M62GED	Research Design and Methods in Social Science	15		M	M
M65GED	Dissertation	60			

Key: M – Mandatory (i.e. must be studied); O – Optional Module (subject to availability and minimum student numbers).

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