

Rutgers University, New Brunswick - Undergraduate Natural Hazards Geography Course

This course introduces students to several key concepts from the hazards and disaster literature including risk, risk perception, vulnerability and disaster mitigation. The course examines how people become vulnerable to a range of natural hazards, including how they are affected by such events, how they contribute to them, how they cope or mitigate the effects of these naturally occurring phenomena, and what they do when existing adjustment measures or interventions fail. Case examples of best-practices and failures in addressing disaster risk-reduction worldwide will be used to illustrate major themes presented in the course. The geographical scope of the course is global and students are encouraged to keep abreast of contemporary developments in hazards and disasters as reported in the mass media and other sources.

Additional Information: <http://geography.rutgers.edu>

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Core Capabilities

- Community Resilience
- Long-term Vulnerability Reduction
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
- Threats and Hazards Identification

Core Competencies

- Community Engagement
- Disaster Risk Management
- Geographic Literacy
- Possess Critical Thinking

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