University of Massachusetts Boston – Global Post-Disaster Studies Graduate Certificate (With a focus on Planning, Development and Reconstruction with Vulnerable Populations)

The increase in disasters around the world demands global access to informed, skilled managers of sustainable recovery.

Concerned world citizens will find this graduate-level, online certificate to be the key that allows them to specialize in reconstruction, from policy and planning to operations on the ground. There would also be great value to people with these skills engaging to head-off and develop prevention programs, plans and organization/community response with "anticipated" civil disasters. Unique among advanced post-disaster education programs, this certificate emphasizes the needs of vulnerable populations, including children, women, the elderly, people with disabilities, and the poor.

Presenting the complexities of disaster mitigation and recovery with a multi-disciplinary approach, faculty who have conducted intensive research and published widely on topics relevant to post-disaster reconstruction will present in their areas of expertise. Instructors from other institutions will also contribute to the program.

Career Opportunities
The carefully constructed curriculum facilitates greater job opportunities for those in the field, complements a master’s degree or PhD already earned, and prepares students planning to commence the longer commitment of an advanced degree. Personnel trained to develop and implement appropriate reconstruction and recovery policies and action plans are needed in many organizations including:
• Governmental and non-governmental agencies
• International multilateral organizations
• For-profit and not-for-profit bodies
• Humanitarian and international relief organizations

Required Core Courses (9 credit hours):
CRSCAD 601L Social Vulnerability Approach to Disasters  3 credits
CRSCAD 602L Climate Change, Global Food and Water Resources 3 credits
CRSCAD 603L Reconstruction after the Cameras Have Gone 3 credits

Electives (select any three courses):

CRSCAD 621L Human Dignity, Human Rights and Sustainable Post-Disaster Reconstruction  3 credits
CRSCAD 522 Migrants and Refugees 3 credits
CRSCAD 523 Climate Change: Strategies for Mitigation and Adaptation 3 credits
CRSCAD 624L  Community Disaster Resilience (Survival Skills for the 21st Century: Developing Personal, Organizational and Community Resilience) 3 credits
CRSCAD 526   Disasters and Public Health 3 credits
CRSCAD 527   GIS in Emergency and Disaster Management  3 credits
CRSCAD 643L  Political Economy of International Migration 3 credits
CRSCAD 596   Independent Study in Global Post-Disasters  3 credits
CRSCAD 597   Special Topics 3 credits

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