**Wheaton College Graduate School - MA in Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership**

The MA in Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership at Wheaton College Graduate School exists to prepare the next generation of humanitarian and disaster professionals to lead with faith and humility, utilize evidence-based practice, and serve the most vulnerable and the Church globally.

This program's focus on faith-driven leadership, combination of humanitarian and disaster preparation, and high-level scholarship will train students for a wide range of careers in humanitarian and disaster assistance related fields, both domestically and internationally:

- International humanitarian aid
- Domestic disaster relief
- Emergency management
- Disaster ministry
- Non-profit
- Justice
- Refugee care
- Homeland security-related fields
- Preparation for future doctoral studies

The 40 credit-hour degree can be completed through two formats:

1-year full-time option with on-campus courses, or

2-year part-time hybrid option that offers a combination of on-campus intensive courses and online courses.

**Courses Include:**

Foundation Courses
BITH/Theology TSR Course
An introduction to the Christian faith, evangelical Protestant theology, and church engagement (4).

**INTR 561 - Intercultural Communication**
Foundational principles of intercultural communication from the fields of social psychology, cultural anthropology, and communication theory integrated with selected areas of personal encounter in cross-cultural settings (4).

Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance Courses HDI 514 - Foundations of Disaster & Humanitarian Assistance
An introduction to evidence-based and informed psychosocial care skills, programs, and interventions in the context of disasters, crisis, and other trauma-inducing events (4).
HDI 524 - Preparedness Planning, Mitigation, & Continuity Management
The course focuses on understanding evidence-based leadership best practices, procedures, and policies for disaster operations that strengthens disaster resilience in affected communities (4).

HDI 534 - NGO Leadership
This course will teach students best-practices for leading non-profit humanitarian and disaster organizations, and will introduce the practice of social entrepreneurship, program and project planning, grant-writing, fundraising, business planning, and marketing methods (2).

HDI 544 - Organizing Emergency Humanitarian Assistance
This course focuses on understanding evidence-based leadership best practices for effective emergency and humanitarian response (2).

HDI 614 - Transformational Development
This course prepares leaders to actively engage government and public leaders through policy interventions and advocacy to advance the global struggle for human rights. Students are prepared to advocate for biblical justice by developing the skills necessary to assess and intervene in the policy process as well as to develop and implement advocacy campaigns (4).

HDI 624 - Refugee and Forced Migration Issues
An introduction to various historical and contemporary cases of forced displacement, integrating diverse disciplinary approaches, including legal, political and moral analysis (2).

HDI 644 - Global Public Health
An introduction to public health that puts contemporary definition, determinants, development, and direction as a field into a broad global context (2).

HDI 654 - Disaster, Crisis, & Trauma Intervention
An introduction to evidence-based and informed psychosocial care skills, programs, and interventions in the context of disasters, crisis, and other trauma-inducing events (4).

Field Experience
HDI 634 - Field Work or Special Project

Wheaton College is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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