

York University – Graduate Program in Disaster and Emergency Management

As a student in York University's Disaster & Emergency Management program, you will gain the conceptual and analytical tools necessary to critically assess the principals and practices underpinning emergency management and prepare for a rewarding career in this rapidly growing field. Through the exploration of topics such as business continuity planning and disaster risk management, you'll gain a comprehensive understanding of how to apply key concepts, methodologies and technologies used by emergency management professionals to complex real-life challenges. You will also:

- Understand how various fields - such as sociology, psychology, politics and ethics - intersect in the context of disaster and emergency management.
- Gather and assess information relevant to the field and especially as it pertains to the planning, coordination, analysis and recovery of disasters and emergencies.
- Apply critical thinking and analytical skills at all phases of the emergency cycle - mitigation, preparation, response and recovery.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of experiential learning opportunities and interact with leading professionals who will provide them with a deeper insight into the field. Students will have the option to complete a field experience that will help to foster a greater understanding of the complexities and realities emergency management professionals face. Students will also learn from experienced professors, many of whom have been active in the field.

Honours, Major and Minor options are available, with varying numbers of credits required.

Disaster & Emergency Management Degree Requirements

Honours BDEM: 120 Credits

BDEM: 90 Credits

Honours BDEM Major: 48 credits

Honours BDEM Minor: 33 credits

(3 credits per 1-semester course)

Major credits chosen from:

DEMS 2700 Fundamentals of Emergency Management;

DEMS 3701 Disaster Risk Management;

DEMS 3702 Comprehensive Emergency Management;

DEMS 3703 Business Continuity Planning;

DEMS 3704 Emergency Management Communications;

DEMS 3707 Ethics and Disasters;

ADMS 4421 Qualitative Methods;

ADMS 1000 Introduction to Business;

ADMS 2320 Quantitative Methods I;

ADMS 2400 Introduction to Organizational Behaviour;

HRM 3400 Occupational Health and Safety (cross-listed to: AP/ADMS 3400 3.00, HH/HLST 3240 3.00);
ESSE 1410 Natural, Technological and Human-induced Disasters.

Additional credits from the following:

DEMS 3705 Emergency Management: Field Experience;
DEMS 3706 Disasters and Humans;
DEMS 3708 Social Issues in Disaster Management;
GEOG 3340 Geoinformatics: GIS I (cross-listed to: SC/GEOG 3340 3.00);
HRM 3440 Leadership and Management Skills (cross-listed to: AP/ADMS 3440 3.00);
POLS 3195 Multilevel Governance, Policy and Program Delivery in Canada (cross-listed to: AP/HREQ 3140 3.00, PPAS 3140 3.00);
ENVS 3450 Environment and Health: Social and Political Dimensions;
ESSE 3300 Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Spatial Analysis.

Additional credits from the following:

DEMS 4704 Disasters and Logistics;
DEMS 4705 Comprehensive Emergency Management 2;
DEMS 4707 CI Risk;
DEMS 4708 Disaster/Emergency Management Seminar;
DEMS 4709 Terrorism: The New Threat;
ENVS 4440 Environmental Disasters;
ESSE 4400 Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Data Integration.

(Specialized honours degrees may also require general education course credits)

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