York University – Master of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management

York University, School of Administrative Studies, Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, features a Master of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management.

This is a traditional in-class masters' graduate program in disaster and emergency management. The degree can be obtained either through course work, or course work plus a major research paper. A large number of elective courses provide students with the opportunity to design their own area of concentration.

You will explore key concepts, methodologies and technologies used by emergency management professionals while honing your analytical, research and critical thinking skills. You will also gain a comprehensive understanding of how emergency management intersects with other disciplines such as psychology and sociology. The program is interdisciplinary, drawing on the strengths of faculty from across York University to offer a wide range of expertise in areas like environmental risks and management, natural hazards, business continuity, public health, public safety and security, crisis management, humanitarian aid and complex emergencies.

This program prepares you to synthesize large amounts of complex information and make sound decisions in challenging and often difficult circumstances. As a graduate you will be equipped with the knowledge and abilities needed to begin a career in emergency management, public safety or consultancy work for a range of positions in federal and provincial governments, large multinational companies, and non-governmental organizations like the Red Cross/Red Crescent, World Bank, Oxfam or UNICEF.

Degree Requirements:

MDEM Degree by Major Research Paper
The program is offered on a full-time and part-time basis. The recommended time to completion is 4 terms for full-time students and 8 terms for part-time students.

1. Courses - Students must successfully complete 30 course credits including the following:

   a) Core required courses: 6 credits
   Disaster & Emergency Studies 5020 3.0: Disasters: Concepts and Causes/Same as Environmental Studies 6401 3.0 Disaster & Emergency Studies 5030 3.0: Social and Behavioural Dimensions of Disasters

   b) Six additional credits in research methods:
   Disaster & Emergency Studies 5051 3.0: Quantitative Research Methods and Disaster & Emergency Studies 5052 3.0: Research Design and Qualitative Methods,
   or,
   In consultation with the student’s supervisor, an alternative six credits in research methods from other graduate programs in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
c) Twelve additional credits selected in consultation with the student’s advisor, six of which must be from courses within the Graduate Program in Disaster & Emergency Management. Other courses may be selected, in consultation with the student’s advisor, from appropriate graduate courses offered across the university based on student’s field of specialization including the following listed below. Normally these courses are from one of five broadly defined areas of study, as listed in the section MDEM degree by course work below.

2. Major Research Paper
Disaster & Emergency Management 6999 6.0 Candidates for the Master Disaster & Emergency Management are required to write a major research paper on an approved topic. Topics can either be a critical evaluation and synthesis of the current state of knowledge and research within a defined area of study or may focus on a specific research topic in depth. Papers must comprise original material of a scholarly nature, demonstrate that the student is capable of independent research and critical analysis and be of publishable quality. The major research paper should be between 80-100 pages. The paper will be supervised by a full member of the graduate program and graded on a pass/fail basis by a committee composed of the student’s general faculty advisor, supervisor and one other faculty member who has not been involved in the major research paper process.

MDEM Degree by Course Work
The program is offered on a full-time and part-time basis. The recommended time to completion is four terms for full-time students and eight terms for part-time students.

1. Courses - Students must successfully complete 30 course credits including the following:

a) Core required courses: 6 credits
Disaster & Emergency Studies 5020 3.0: Disaster Concepts and Causes/Same as Environmental Studies 6401 3.0 Disaster & Emergency Studies 5030 3.0: Social and Behavioural Dimensions of Disasters

b) Three additional credits in research methods from either: Disaster & Emergency Studies 5051 3.0: Quantitative Research Methods or Disaster & Emergency Studies 5052 3.0: Research Design and Qualitative Methods, or,
In consultation with the student’s supervisor, an alternative three credits research methods from other graduate programs in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

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