



## International Comparative Disaster Management

### Graduate – Course Overview

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### **Text Requiring Purchase:**

Bankoff, G., Frerks, G., & Hilhorst, D. (2004). *Mapping Vulnerability: Disasters, Development and People*. London: Earthscan Publications Ltd.

Coppola, D. P. (2015). *Introduction to International Disaster Management* (3rd ed.) Butterworth-Heinemann.

### **Other Readings—As Assigned by Instructor and noted in Syllabus**

**(Note:** Readings may be accessed through available subscriptions of the FSU Library System or Course Library where indicated. The instructor reserves the right to change the content of the syllabus during the course of the semester. Any changes will be posted in the announcement section on BlackBoard. Students should regularly log in to check announcements.)

### **Course Objectives:**

After completing the course, students will be able to:

- Describe the history of disaster management from a global perspective
- Discuss the role of risk and vulnerability in developing vs. developed nations
- Describe disaster vulnerability as a political ecological concept
- Discuss the constructions of nature and society on vulnerability
- Describe mitigation and its importance in reducing the world's risk to disasters
- Discuss how preparedness and response mechanisms vary by country
- Identify key governmental and non-governmental partners in global disaster management and their roles and responsibilities
- Describe how non-sustainable practices and activities impact disaster consequences
- Discuss the impact of climate change on global disaster planning



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#### **Course Description:**

Recent data reflects growing trends in physical, social and economic impacts of disaster events. This course will discuss practical and theoretical issues associated with international disaster management. Risk, hazards, and disasters will be addressed from a global perspective with particular emphasis placed on the differences in key issues between developing and developed countries. The impact of climate change and non-sustainable land practices will also be discussed.

#### **Course Structure:**

This class will consist of video mini lectures from the Professor, a virtual field trip, PowerPoint presentations, discussion board participation, case studies, a country research paper, quizzes and exams.

#### **Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) Certificate Requirements**

This course counts toward completion of the EMHS graduate certificate.

**For more information about this course, please contact Dr. Dilling through the contact information provided at the beginning of the overview.**