

Master in Disaster Management - Minor in Faith-Based Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 69 (including 15 credit hours for minor)



Program Description

The Master in Disaster Management at HBI University equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to respond to natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and emergency situations. This program integrates risk assessment, emergency planning, disaster relief coordination, and crisis leadership to prepare graduates for careers in government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based disaster response teams.

The Minor in Faith-Based Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid offers a specialized focus on integrating faith and humanitarian efforts in disaster response. Students will explore the role of churches and religious organizations in relief efforts, ethical considerations in crisis management, and faith-driven approaches to supporting affected communities.

This 69-credit hour program includes 30 credit hours of foundational disaster management courses, 24 credit hours of core crisis leadership and relief training, 15 credit hours in Faith-Based Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid, elective coursework, a supervised practicum, and a research-based master's thesis or capstone project.

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in emergency management, public health, international relations, or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or professionals in disaster response
- Statement of purpose outlining career goals in disaster management and faith-based humanitarian aid
- Resume with relevant experience in emergency response, nonprofit work, or crisis management
- Interview with faculty committee (if required)

Practicum Requirement

Students must complete a 300-hour supervised practicum in disaster relief organizations, humanitarian aid agencies, emergency management departments, or faith-based crisis response teams. Practicum placements include global disaster relief ministries, international faith-based aid organizations, and emergency response training centers.

Master's Thesis / Capstone Project

Students must complete either a research-based master's thesis on disaster response strategies, humanitarian ethics, or crisis leadership, or develop a capstone project focusing on implementing a faith-based crisis response initiative.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Develop and implement disaster response plans for faith-based organizations and humanitarian agencies.
- Lead emergency preparedness initiatives and crisis intervention programs.
- Integrate faith-based principles into humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts.
- Manage logistics and coordination in large-scale disaster response operations.
- Work effectively with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and religious institutions in emergency management.

Career Outcomes & Potential Salary

- Emergency Management Director – \$65,000 - \$140,000
- Humanitarian Aid Coordinator – \$55,000 - \$120,000
- Faith-Based Disaster Relief Director – \$60,000 - \$130,000
- Crisis Intervention Specialist – \$55,000 - \$125,000
- Nonprofit Disaster Response Program Manager – \$65,000 - \$145,000

Advocacy and Professional Development

Students are encouraged to join organizations such as:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Christian Disaster Response (CDR)
- International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
- Faith-Based Humanitarian Aid Alliance

Participation in disaster preparedness training programs, emergency response simulations, and humanitarian aid workshops is highly recommended.

Course Breakdown (Total: 69 Credit Hours)

A. Foundational Disaster Management Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
DMGT-101	Introduction to Disaster Management & Risk Assessment	3
DMGT-102	Crisis Leadership & Emergency Response	3

DMGT-103	Disaster Preparedness & Resilience Planning	3
DMGT-104	Logistics & Supply Chain Management in Crisis Situations	3
DMGT-105	Public Health & Emergency Medical Services	3
DMGT-106	Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction	3
DMGT-107	Climate Change & Environmental Disasters	3
DMGT-108	Research Methods in Disaster Management	3
DMGT-109	Global Humanitarian Policies & Ethics	3
DMGT-110	Nonprofit Management for Disaster Relief	3

B. Core Crisis Leadership and Relief Training (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
DMGT-201	Crisis Communication & Media Relations	3
DMGT-202	Humanitarian Aid & Refugee Assistance	3
DMGT-203	Nonprofit Fundraising for Disaster Response	3
DMGT-204	Psychological First Aid & Trauma Counseling	3
DMGT-205	Faith-Based Crisis Management & Response	3
DMGT-206	The Role of Churches in Disaster Relief	3
DMGT-207	Security & Ethics in Humanitarian Aid	3
DMGT-208	Supervised Disaster Management Practicum	3

C. Faith-Based Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid Minor (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FBDR-301	Theology of Compassion & Crisis Response	3
FBDR-302	Interfaith Collaboration in Disaster Relief	3
FBDR-303	Volunteer Coordination & Faith-Based Relief Work	3
FBDR-304	Ethics & Social Justice in Humanitarian Aid	3

FBDR-305	Disaster Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care	3
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D. Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELEC-1801	Digital Tools & Technology in Disaster Response	3
ELEC-1802	Community Engagement & Preparedness Planning	3
ELEC-1803	Faith-Based Missions & International Relief Work	3