

HUMANITARIAN DISASTER INSTITUTE

Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership offers training and preparation for employment in a wide range of humanitarian and disaster assistance related fields, both domestically and internationally. Students of the program will be equipped to lead with faith and humility, use evidence-based practices, and serve the most vulnerable and the Church globally. The program is designed for students looking to enter or to advance their career in the fields of international humanitarian aid, domestic disaster relief, emergency management, disaster ministry, non-profit, justice, refugee care, and homeland security-related fields. The program may also be used as preparation for future doctoral studies. Program will be offered starting in Summer 2018. Accelerated MA students can take classes Junior and Senior year that do not count towards their bachelor's degree but which will count towards the MA should they matriculate in the accelerated MA Program.

Faculty

Executive Director, Associate Professor Jamie Aten

Programs

- Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership, MA (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/graduate/humanitarian-disaster-institute/humanitarian-disaster-leadership-ma>)

Courses

Humanitarian Disaster Institute Courses

HDI 514. Foundations of Disaster & Humanitarian Assistance. (4 Credits)

An introduction to evidence-based and informed psychosocial care skills, programs, and interventions in context to disasters, crisis, and other trauma-inducing events.

HDI 524. Preparedness Planning, Mitigation, & Continuity Management. (4 Credits)

The course focuses on understanding evidence-based leadership best practices, procedures, and policies for disaster operations that strengthens disaster resilience in affected communities.

HDI 534. NGO Leadership. (2 Credits)

This course seeks to develop effective humanitarian and disaster non-profit leaders. This course will review the history, theoretical underpinnings, and practice of social entrepreneurship and program and project planning in non-profit and official development organizations. It also covers the corresponding grant-writing, fundraising, business planning and marketing methods, and tools, strategies and techniques used in these activities. Heavy emphasis is placed on a hands-on learning approach, while stressing the importance of understanding and critiquing the conceptual frameworks on which these practices rely from a Biblical perspective.

HDI 544. Organizing Emergency Humanitarian Assistance. (2 Credits)

Leadership principles for effective emergency management and humanitarian response will be taught for responding to a wide range of potential humanitarian crises, with an emphasis on evidence-based practices.

HDI 614. Transformational Development. (4 Credits)

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.

HDI 624. Refugee and Forced Migration Issues.. (2 Credits)

An introduction to various historical and contemporary cases of forced displacement, integrating diverse disciplinary approaches, including legal, political and moral analysis.

HDI 634. Field Work or Special Project. (4 Credits)

Students will participate in an approved supervised field practicum placement with a humanitarian or disaster-related organization; students with advance standing gained from significant prior field experience may opt to complete an applied professional or research project.

HDI 644. Global Public Health. (2 Credits)

An introduction to public health in context to contemporary definition, determinants, development and direction as a field into a broad global context.

HDI 654. Disaster, Crisis, & Trauma Intervention. (4 Credits)

An introduction to evidence-based and informed psychosocial care skills, programs, and interventions in context to disasters, crisis, and other trauma-inducing events.

HDI 692. Comprehensive Exam. (0 Credits)

Prerequisite: submission of Candidacy form. Fee \$75. Graded pass/fail.

HDI 694. Field Operations. (4 Credits)

An intensive residence course that will involve a multi-day domestic and international field -simulations and practice in leadership and evaluation duties that will be supplemented with classroom learning experiences.

HDI 695. Independent Study. (1 to 4 Credits)

Department approval required.