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# *Certificate in Disaster and Coastal Studies*

Department of Sociology  
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# The Certificate in *Disaster and Coastal Studies*

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## DISASTER AND COASTAL STUDIES

Any type of natural or man-made disaster derails normal living conditions for a large segment of the population and the recovery does not happen automatically.

Humans cannot control natural events, but they are capable of planning and preparing to minimize the vulnerability and developing methods of quick recovery process. A strong, well-informed, skilled workforce is essential for expediting the recovery process. This is the objective of the Certificate in Disaster and Coastal Studies.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY

The Certificate is open to all majors and is designed to enhance your current studies by providing you with a holistic understanding of the social science, natural science, and planning dimensions of natural and man-made disasters.

## REQUIREMENTS

The 12 credit hour certificate program consists of two core courses, a 40-hour internship, and one elective course.

## CORE COURSES

- ◆ DCS 201: Introduction to Natural and Man Made Disasters
- ◆ DCS 320: Emergency Preparedness Planning and Response
- ◆ DCS 400: Internship (taken after completing two core courses)

## ELECTIVE COURSES

- ◆ POL 317: Public Policy and Legal Issues in Disaster Preparedness
- ◆ PSY 328: Health Psychology in Disaster Preparedness
- ◆ SOC/SWK 331: Social, Community Organizations, and Disaster Preparedness
- ◆ COP 211 Public Relations Writing

## INTERNSHIPS

The program offers opportunities for scholarships, research, and internships with organizations such as:

- ◆ MEMA
- ◆ Salvation Army
- ◆ County Emergency Management
- ◆ Homeland Security
- ◆ American Red Cross

## CAREER TRAINING

Students who complete the Certificate have the skills necessary to be competitive in a variety of career fields, including federal, state, county and city management, and disaster relief agencies.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

With opportunities to conduct and present original research, students who complete the certificate are ready to pursue graduate degrees in a variety of fields, including:

- ◆ Public Health
- ◆ Public Policy
- ◆ Engineering
- ◆ Environmental Science

