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The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) is a ground-breaking centre for multidisciplinary teaching in the field of humanitarian action. We promote collaboration amongst natural and social sciences, medicine and the arts in exploring disaster management, peace and conflict studies and humanitarianism and conflict response.

Our teaching is informed by experience of working in both contemporary and historical incidents, strong relationships with institutions in the humanitarian sector and through consultation with governments around the world. These networks are integrated into our teaching where students can benefit from lectures, workshops and events with key sector organisations including Save the Children and Médecins Sans Frontières.

Study with us and you’ll explore the causes and impacts of disasters at different scales and locations. You’ll discover the concepts and strategy that surround vulnerability and resilience, as well as exploring response and recovery in the post-disaster setting. Understanding how disasters are connected to broader global processes of climate change, inequality and sustainable development will be a key learning objective.

You will engage with the definitive concepts of humanitarianism, such as neutrality and impartiality, to comprehend where they came from and how they are contested. You’ll apply your learning to specific fields such as peacebuilding and security, disaster response, and humanitarian governance, providing you with a comprehensive understanding of disaster management and humanitarianism to aid your future career. Your Manchester-based learning can be complemented with an optional professional experience programme with a humanitarian organisation in the UK, as well as optional international fieldwork.

How to apply:
www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications

Please note that the course units listed in this brochure only represent a sample of the full breadth of available units for each course. Units are reviewed on an annual basis and as such may vary slightly to those advertised.

For up-to-date course information, including unit detail and entry requirements in full, visit our course finder: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

Having spent a couple of weeks working with a charity in Ghana, I researched courses that involved humanitarian aid. I liked that I would be learning a range of topics and also that I didn’t need specific A-levels to apply.

Olivia Harper
International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response BSc
You’ll learn about humanitarian response systems, including their design, the work of the international community in relief work, and the challenges and opportunities in the humanitarian response agenda. We want our students to develop an informed attitude towards ethical issues impacting humanitarianism, including actions taken by government and non-government organisations in reaction to both natural and man-made disasters.

Each year, you’ll take a number of compulsory course units. This core study will be supplemented by optional course units, allowing you to tailor your study to specific needs or interests. This includes relevant multidisciplinary courses in history, politics, medicine, geography and development studies. Your final year dissertation allows you to make the focus of your last semester here truly your own, and wholly relevant to your personal interests and prospective career. Up to a third of your degree can comprise of language study, such as French, Arabic, German, or Russian. This option addresses the demand for language-speakers from employers in the humanitarian sector, and would give you a great foundation for making use of your degree overseas.

**SAMPLE COURSE UNITS:**

**YEAR 1:**
- Introduction to Disaster Management
- Key Concepts in International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response
- Introduction to Humanitarianism

**YEAR 2:**
- Everyday Peace Building and Security
- Disasters and Development
- Professional Experience Project (optional)

**YEAR 3:**
- War Migration and Health (optional)
- Fieldwork (optional)
- Dissertation and Research Methods

Study issues arising from relief and development work, including resilience-building and preparation for crises and disasters.

Develop practical expertise in risk/vulnerability analysis, alongside strategic research methods.

Optional fieldwork and work placements to enhance your studies.

For the most up-to-date course information

This publication was printed in June 2018 for the purposes of the 2019 intake. It has therefore been printed in advance of course starting dates. For this reason, course information (in relation to course content, module availability etc.) may be amended prior to you applying for a place on a course of study.

Prospective students are therefore reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying to study on a course of study at The University of Manchester, that they review up-to-date course information by searching for the relevant course at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses

Further information describing the teaching, examination, assessment and other educational services offered by The University of Manchester is available at:

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How you’ll learn
Teaching takes place in a variety of formats, including:

• Lectures
• Seminars
• Small group tutorials
• Workshops
• Virtual web-based seminars
• Professional experience
• Fieldwork

Seminars provide opportunities to develop research and presentation skills including researching sources, planning, public speaking and the use of audio-visual media. You’ll explore lecture themes in more detail via individual and group readings and presentations.

In your second year, you’ll have the opportunity to work directly with local/regional humanitarian organisations through a 10-day Professional Experience Project. This ‘real-world’ project, typically proposed by the external organisation, will offer you the chance to explore humanitarianism in action – providing insight and valuable professional experience from organisations such as Rethink Rebuild Society, Women Asylum Seekers Together (WAST) and Mines Advisory Group (MAG). You’ll also develop key transferrable skills required in a workplace.

Your learning will be supplemented by field study - either here in the UK or overseas - where you’ll learn how your knowledge of disaster management and humanitarian response might be applied in the context of real-life hazards and vulnerabilities.

How you’ll be assessed
Assessment varies from course unit to course unit, but we aim to offer a good balance of written examinations, essays and project work.

The culmination of your studies will be a dissertation, allowing you to focus on a specific area of interest and to apply the knowledge you’ve gained throughout your university study. By tailoring your research topic to meet your career objectives and personal interests, you can make your final semester here truly your own.

Our Flexible Honours scheme may offer you the opportunity to study an additional arts, languages or cultures subject, allowing you to create a unique blend of knowledge, experience and transferrable skills to suit your needs.

To find out more visit www.manchester.ac.uk/flexiblehonours

* Please note that all Flexible Honours subject combinations are subject to academic approval, availability and timetabling constraints.
CONNECTIONS TO PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

• Manchester Global Health Society promotes issues of global health and works closely with the Office for Global Health and the UK Faculty of Public Health. The society offers interactive workshops on key topical issues and hosts a TEDx-style series with leading experts on issues of global importance.

• British Red Cross Society provides many opportunities to get involved; with fundraising events, First Aid training and Peer Education programmes, this is your chance to join some of the most rewarding charity projects available.

• Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) are part of a national network of societies which campaign, fundraise and raise awareness about global health issues and the work of MSF.

• Engineers without Borders (EWB) are a young person-led charity that focuses on removing barriers to human development through engineering. Their programmes provide opportunities for young engineers in the UK to learn about technology’s role in development.

• The Save the Children Society works with the national charity Save the Children by supporting its work in 120 countries. It helps the charity to save children’s lives, fight for their rights and help them fulfil their potential by challenging world leaders to make the right policy decisions.

• The Mines Advisory Group Society conducts fundraising activities to support MAG, screens films related to the issues of landmines and unexploded bombs in conflict-affected parts of the world, and organises talks from MAG fieldworkers.

HCRI is proud to be in partnership with leading global organisations, helping them think through and reshape humanitarian practices in the field.

Bertrand Taithe, Executive Director, Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI)
A degree from The University of Manchester will open doors to a wide range of careers

Postgraduate Study
We offer a wide range of specialist master’s programmes within HCRI.

Find out more: www.hcri.manchester.ac.uk/study/courses/taught-masters/

Professions
There are numerous possibilities for graduates of International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response.

Students have the opportunity to build their CVs by electing modules that include placements or a study visit to humanitarian organisations. The general and academic skills acquired on our courses are welcomed by a broad spectrum of employers, including: international organisations (for example the UN and the EU), the IFRC and NGOs.

Other sectors include:
- Business and commerce
- Banking
- Law
- Print and broadcast journalism
- Tourism management
- Teaching in secondary schools, in subjects such as Geography and Environmental Science

Careers Service
Our award-winning careers service provides a wealth of tools, advice, development opportunities, and industry links specific to your subject. You’ll have access to dedicated support throughout your studies and up to two years after graduation.

Find out more: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

So far, the best part about studying at HCRI has been all the incredible guest speakers we’ve had the opportunity to meet. It’s not every day you get to meet Gareth Owen OBE, the Humanitarian Director of Save the Children.

Joseph Hartley, International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response BSc
LOOK TO THE STARS

To help you find your unique path to personal and professional success, you’ll need opportunities to develop and grow.

At Manchester, we call this process Stellify: to change, or be changed, into a star. Here, you’ll find a whole host of transformational academic and extracurricular activities to help you do more and be more – and you could even prove your abilities to potential employers by gaining a prestigious award.

Learn without boundaries
Enjoy interdisciplinary, international and entrepreneurial study options outside your course.

Understand the issues that matter
Become ethically, socially and politically informed on some of humanity’s most pressing global issues.

Make a difference
Contribute to and learn from local and global communities through volunteering.

Step up and lead
Gain confidence and experience by assisting and inspiring your peers.

Create your future
Explore countless opportunities for professional career development.

As a committee member of the Women’s Theatre Society and a Student Representative for my course, I’ve been able to meet people I wouldn’t have otherwise, enhance my communication skills, and effect change on campus.

Edda Vallen,
BA English Literature

To learn more about Stellify visit
www.manchester.ac.uk/stellify
As well as outstanding study facilities, our courses also benefit from partnerships with NGOs, industry bodies and policy-makers around the world.

**International Alert**
The biggest peacebuilding INGO in Europe and second largest in the world, International Alert is one of the leading, senior policy voices on peacebuilding, providing high-level advice to governments and inter-governmental organisations.

**The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**
Our robust approach to humanitarian education has led to a teaching arrangement and we are pleased to contribute to IFRC staff and associate training programmes.

**Médecins San Frontières (MSF)**
Through senior HCRI academics, we have close ties to MSF - one of the leading bodies in international medical assistance.

**UK-Med**
HCRI is home to UK-Med, a medical emergency response charity and the UK’s deployment lead for global humanitarian crises.

**World Health Organization**
We are also a WHO Collaborating Centre for Emergency Medical Teams and emergency capacity building.
I was always interested in the natural disaster side of geography and was applying for geography courses with modules in natural hazards. I came across this course at Manchester and was really impressed with it! I could also take my optional modules in geography and earth sciences which meant that I felt like I was really specialising in exactly what I wanted to do.

Catriona Spence
International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response BSc
SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is the largest grouping of arts, languages and humanities scholars and students in the UK. Study with us and you’ll benefit from multidisciplinary learning opportunities and world-renowned cultural resources as well as the creative fabric of Manchester itself.

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