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HUMANITARIAN  
RESPONSE**

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**The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) at The University of Manchester is a leading global centre for the study of humanitarianism, conflict response, global health, international disaster management and peacebuilding. We offer an unrivalled learning environment for students interested in pursuing careers in humanitarian aid or research.**

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# **INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER**

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## **A degree to make a difference.**

Humanitarian emergencies are occurring more frequently and are increasingly complex. The causes and impacts of disasters, displacement, and peacebuilding cannot be addressed by one single approach - it requires the collaboration, skills and knowledge from a diversity of specialisms. Whether you are currently studying Maths, Biology, Drama, Politics or Geography, you could play an important role in the preparation for, response to and recovery from humanitarian emergencies on a worldwide scale.

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# WHY MANCHESTER?

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You'll have the opportunity to engage first-hand with the people, projects and organisations that shape humanitarian, global health, disaster management, conflict response and intervention strategy around the world.



You'll actively engage in critical analysis of key debates and challenges in disaster management and humanitarian response - developing practical insight around emerging themes and issues.



Work placements and national / international fieldwork opportunities offer a chance to experience key humanitarian concepts in a real-world context



Benefit from close partnerships with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and industry bodies including Médecins San Frontières and International Alert.



The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute is home to UK-Med, an NGO that provides international emergency humanitarian medical assistance to incidents worldwide.





Image: UN and U.S. Army Distribute Food and Water in Haiti. Image © Sophia Paris, United Nations.

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The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute is an unrivalled learning environment where you will benefit from an exceptionally wide breadth of disciplinary traditions and research expertise that incorporates the history, politics and social aspects of humanitarian response and international disaster management.

**Dr Lisa Ficklin, International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response BSc, Course Director**

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**Professor Tony Redmond OBE , HCRI Deputy Director and Professor of International Emergency Medicine at the University of Manchester**

has led medical teams to sudden onset disasters, complex emergencies and conflicts for over twenty five years. He established UK-Med in 1995 to facilitate the provision of healthcare workers from across the UK to support the hospitals in Sarajevo during the Balkans war. Subsequently the HCRI based NGO has deployed teams to a range of countries and crises including to the Philippines post Typhoon Haiyan, to the Gaza conflict and most recently to Nepal in response to the April 2015 earthquake.

**HCRI PhD student Dr Amy Hughes** was appointed an MBE in early 2016 after leading the first wave of NHS volunteers in the fight against Ebola in Sierra Leone in 2015.

# INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

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 San Frontières (MSF).

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 work placement programme with a humanitarian organisation in the UK as well as optional international fieldwork.



## How you'll learn

You'll learn through lectures, seminars, small group tutorials, workshops and virtual web-based seminars. 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 group discussion, individual reading and group and individual presentations.

In your second year you'll have the opportunity to work directly with sector partners through a 20-day placement. This hands-on learning experience will offer you the chance to explore humanitarianism in action – providing insight and valuable professional experience from organisations such as S.A.L.V.E. (Support and Love via Education) International and Musicians Without Borders.

Your learning will be supplemented by field study - either here in the UK or overseas - where you will 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.

# STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad is an excellent opportunity for you to see the world, experience new cultures and study at one of our partner institutions overseas. Most of our undergraduate courses allow you to spend time – usually a semester – at one of our partner institutions outside the UK. Study abroad periods are available either in Year 2 of a three-year course, or in Year 3 of a four-year course.

## Find out more:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad)

Find out more about what it's like to study abroad through our social channels including our blog, Manchester on the Road, written by Manchester students currently studying abroad.

[www.manchesterontheroad.wordpress.com](http://www.manchesterontheroad.wordpress.com)

[/TheUniversityOfManchesterStudyAbroad](https://www.facebook.com/TheUniversityOfManchesterStudyAbroad)

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As well as university-wide study abroad options you'll also have the opportunity to undertake optional fieldwork in the UK or overseas, looking at concepts such as emergency preparedness and response, recovery and reconstruction.





Aerial shot after Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines.  
Image © UK-Med.

# OUR COURSES

For full entry requirements search our course listings:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate)

How to apply:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications](http://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 course listings, including course unit detail in full, visit our course finder:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate)

Please note that course units are reviewed on an annual basis and as such may vary slightly to those advertised. Please visit the online course listing for up-to-date information.

## FLEXIBLE HONOURS

Flexible Honours may allow you to study an additional arts, languages or cultures subject.

Find out more:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/flexiblehonours](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/flexiblehonours)

## International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response BSc

UCAS Code VL38 (3 years)

You'll study issues arising from relief and development work, including resilience-building and preparation for crises and disasters. You'll develop practical expertise in risk / vulnerability analysis alongside strategic research methods including data capture, analysis and reporting.

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.

Every 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 include:

#### Year 1 - Core units

- International Disaster Management in Scholarship and Practice
- Introduction to Disaster Studies
- Key Concepts in Humanitarian Response
- Humanitarian Governance and Society

#### Year 2 - Core units

- Emergency Planning and Response
- Peacebuilding and Security
- Development, Inequality and Disasters
- Humanitarianism: Past, Present and Future
- Work Placement (optional)

#### Year 3 - Core units

- Dissertation

### Entry requirements

**A-level:** AAB-ABB

**IB:** 35-34, including 665-655 in three Higher Level subjects

**IELTS:** 7.0



Volunteers of Syrian Arab Red Crescent providing support in Homs, Syria on New Year's Day 2016.  
Image © Abdulaziz Al-droubi, Syrian Arab Red Crescent



Training as part of the Ebola response in Sierra Leone.  
Image © Roger Alcock

# FEES AND FUNDING

Please search our course listings for up-to-date tuition fee information for UK, EU and international students: [www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate)

## Bursaries and scholarships

Approximately a third of our students will receive cash bursaries which can be used to support living costs whilst studying. UK students are not required to submit an application for any of the University's means-tested awards. We will automatically identify eligible students on the basis of the household income data provided by the Student Loans Company.

The **Manchester Bursary** is available to any UK student who is registered on an eligible undergraduate degree course at The University of Manchester and who has had a full financial assessment carried out by Student Finance. This bursary is additional to the government package of maintenance grants and is based on students' household income.

The University's **Undergraduate Access Scholarships** are generously funded by our alumni community and donors. These scholarships are in addition to any other bursaries students may receive from the University. Students must have successfully completed the Manchester Access Programme and started an undergraduate course at the University. Students who have experienced time in local authority care may also be eligible for these awards.

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UK students can apply for **Disabled Students' Allowance** to cover study-related disability support. Our Disability Advisory and Support Service (DASS) can help you to apply and can also discuss any alternative sources of funding for your disability-related needs.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/dass](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dass)

Full details of our scholarships and bursaries can be found at:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/scholarships)



# CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Our range of pioneering sector partnerships with major national and international NGOs continue to shape the real-world focus of our teaching, as well as offering strong industry links to key career destinations for our graduates. Prospective employers include Save the Children, International Alert, Médecins Sans Frontières, The Overseas Development Institute, The Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP), Mines Advisory Group, and The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Examples of graduate-level roles include positions in the Civil Service, international institutions such as the United Nations, local and international NGOs and think-tanks.

The University of Manchester is unique in having strengths in humanitarian and conflict response underpinned by history, politics, medicine, geography and development studies, offering you a wide range of career options outside the humanitarian sector itself.



You'll develop crucial transferable skills such as an understanding of research methodologies and techniques including data capture and analysis; an informed attitude on policy and ethics; the ability to demonstrate critical analysis; comprehensive communications skills including the ability to present, debate and articulate your work; management and leadership skills; the ability to demonstrate a broad understanding of global challenges and opportunities including environmental and technological factors; enhanced intercultural awareness; and creative problem solving skills.

Your wide-ranging skills set will open up opportunities in business and commerce; teaching; law; print, online and broadcast journalism; travel and tourism; charities and the voluntary sector; health; and local, national and international government roles.

Should you wish to pursue your studies further we also offer master's level courses in Peace and Conflict Studies, International Disaster Management, Humanitarianism and Conflict Response and Global Health.

Our award-winning careers service will provide you with support throughout your studies and up to two years after graduation.

Find out more  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/careers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers)





Distribution of medical supplies after Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines. Image ©UK-Med



Clearing landmines in Iraq. Image © Sean Sutton, MAG

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

As well as outstanding study facilities, our courses also benefit from partnerships with NGOs, industry bodies and policy-makers around the world.

### Sample collaborations include:

#### 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

Institute Director Rony Brauman was President of Médecins San Frontières (MSF) for 12 years and Executive Director Bertrand Taithe is on the Scientific Board of the Centre de Réflexion sur l'Action et les Savoirs Humanitaires (CRASH) at MSF Paris. We maintain close ties to the organisation which is one of the leading bodies in international medical assistance.

#### International Alert

This London based organisation is the biggest peacebuilding INGO in Europe and second largest in the world. It is one of the leading, senior policy voices on peacebuilding, providing high level policy advice to governments and inter-governmental organisations.

#### UK-Med

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

We are also a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Emergency Medical Teams and emergency capacity building.

#### Societies

The Manchester Global Health Society is open to all students interested in Global Health. Voted Best New Society in 2015, the group 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. You'll also have the opportunity to join the University's Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) supporter group, part of a national network of societies which campaign, fundraise and raise awareness about global health issues and the work of MSF.

Find out about our unique study resources: [www.manchester.ac.uk/university](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/university)

# LEARNING SUPPORT

We'll provide individual learning support to help you take control of your learning and develop your confidence.

### Academic advisers

Study with us and you'll be assigned an academic adviser who is there to give advice about any academic issues throughout the duration of your course. Your adviser will be able to help you with the transition from school / college to university – and can help you get to grips with studying and learning more independently. They'll also be able to help you develop your skills in academic writing or research, or any other skills that are specific to your degree programme.

Find out more about the personal and academic support available to you throughout your studies:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience/student-life/university/student-support/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience/student-life/university/student-support/)

### Disability support

If you have additional needs arising from a medical condition, physical or sensory disability, specific learning disability such as dyslexia, or a mental health difficulty that affects your study, we can provide support. Contact or visit our Disability Advisory and Support Office before you apply, to discuss your needs and support available.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/dass](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dass)



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## ACCOMMODATION

Discover your new home:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation)

## ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Everything you need to apply:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/howtoapply](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/howtoapply)

## ALAN GILBERT LEARNING COMMONS

Our hi-tech 24/7 independent learning space:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons)

## CAREERS

Take control of your career:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/careers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers)

## DISABILITY SUPPORT

Talk to us about any support you need:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/dso](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dso)

## FUNDING AND FINANCE

Fees, loans, scholarships and more:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance)

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Prepare for life at Manchester, UK:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/international](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international)

## IT SERVICES

Online learning, computer access, IT support:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices)

## LIBRARY

One of the UK's largest and best-resourced:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/library](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library)

## MAPS

Campus, city and accommodation:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps)

## PROSPECTUS

Download or order a copy:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us online:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/social-media](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/social-media)

## SPORT

Get active with clubs, classes, leagues and facilities:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/sport](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/sport)

## SUPPORT

Help with academic, personal, financial and administrative issues:  
[my.manchester.ac.uk/guest](http://my.manchester.ac.uk/guest)

## STUDENTS' UNION

The UK's largest student hub:  
[manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://manchesterstudentsunion.com)

## VIDEOS

Our University on YouTube:  
[www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester](http://www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester)



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## THE 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.

[www.alc.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk)

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This brochure is prepared well in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Consequently, details of courses may vary with staff changes. The University therefore reserves the right to make such alterations to courses as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential that you are aware of the current terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation of the precise position for the year in question, before you accept the offer.

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