

HUMANITARIAN STUDIES (M.S.)

Requirements

The Master of Science in Humanitarian Studies degree is a 30-credit program constituted by five core courses, four elective courses to be taken across three thematic areas, an internship or independent study, and a master's thesis.

Curriculum

Course	Title	Credits
HUST 5013	Fundamentals of Humanitarian Action	3
HUST 5012	Contemporary Issues in Humanitarian Action	3
HUST 5015	Information Management	3
HUST 5014	Humanitarian Resource Management and Administration	3
HUST 5016	Monitoring and Evaluation in Humanitarian Response	3
<i>Four elective courses across the following thematic areas:</i>		12
Human Rights		
Communities and Capacity Building		
Livelihoods and Institutions		
HUST 5801 or HUST 8999	Humanitarian Internship Independent Study	1
HUST 5992	MSSH Thesis	2
Total Credits		30

¹ More information about the Internship courses can be seen below.

² You will complete a master's thesis under the supervision of a faculty member on a topic related to the three thematic areas listed above.

Internship

Our New York City location enables students to pursue internships and exposure to various United Nations agencies, diplomatic missions, international nongovernmental organizations, and prominent research and think-tank institutions.

Independent Study

Students have the choice of doing a one-credit independent study instead of an internship.

CIP Code

24.0103 - Humanities/Humanistic Studies.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.

Thematic Areas Human Rights Area

Courses in this area examine the preservation of human rights in humanitarian activities. A clear understanding of these rights and privileges is critical to those working within the humanitarian sector, and students concentrating in this area will emerge with skills and critical thinking in how to preserve those rights and privileges in those who are at risk.

Courses in this group have the HUHR attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
CEED 5050	Ethics and Society: Cross Disciplinary Perspectives	3
CEED 6322	Natural Law: The Nature, Foundations and Content of Justice	3
HIST 6726	The United States and Human Rights: An International History	4
HUST 5035	Forced Migration: The Humanitarian Challenge of the Decade	0-3
HUST 5082	Integrity, Accountability and Transparency in Humanitarian Operations	0-3
HUST 5200	Human Rights Protections for Vulnerable Groups	0-3
HUST 5205	Children in Armed Conflict	3
HUST 5210	Access to Education During Crisis and Conflict	3
HUST 5215	Accountability for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Settings	3
HUST 5600	International Humanitarian Law: Policy and Practice	0-3
PMMA 5207	Mapping Injustice	3
PMMA 6104	Alternative and Advocacy Journalism	3
PSYC 6030	Trauma and Family Violence	3

Communities and Capacity Building Area

Courses in this area examine humanitarian response at the subnational level, including how processes are created, relationships are founded, skills are shared, and institutions are built, strengthened, and stabilized. Students concentrating in this area will work through practical skills to mitigate and respond to complex emergencies at a local level.

Courses in this group have the HUCB attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
CISC 6880	Blockchain Technology	3
ECON 5015	Economic Development Policy	3
ECON 5260	Epidemics and Development Policy	3
ECON 5771	Project Assessment	3
HUST 5025	Cash, Commodities, and Services in a Humanitarian Response	0-3
HUST 5045	Humanitarian Advocacy: Communicating the Need and Motivating the Response	0-3
HUST 5410	Gender Integration in Humanitarian Action	3
HUST 5500	Mental Health in Complex Emergencies	0-3
IPED 6740	Project Accounting	1

PMMA 6206	Persuasion and Public Opinion	3
PMMA 6207	Global Media and Communication	3
PSYC 6310	Culture, Ethnicity, and Race	3
PSYC 6390	Global Mental Health	3
URST 5900	Global Cities	3

Livelihoods and Institutions Area

Courses in this area examine humanitarian response through a macro-structural lens, incorporating global processes and a critical exploration of how international actors can support and enrich national and local societies in times of crisis. Students concentrating in this area will focus on causality and larger response mechanisms.

Courses in this group have the HULI attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 5020	African Economic Development	3
ECON 5415	Gender & Economic Development	3
ECON 5808	Microfinance and Migration	3
ECON 6460	Agriculture and Development	3
ECON 6480	Environmental and Resource Economics	3
ECON 6490	Foreign Aid and Development	3
HUST 5061	International Disaster Management	0-3
HUST 5075	Leadership and Management in Humanitarian Assistance	0-3
HUST 5085	Security Management: Delivering Aid in Potentially Dangerous Situations	0-3
HUST 5300	International Responses to Migration	3
HUST 5310	Urban Humanitarian Operations	0-3
HUST 5350	Climate Change in the West African Sahel: Impact on Water and Migration	0-3
POSC 6530	Political Economy of Development	3
SOCI 5808	Migration & Microfinance	3
THEO 6732	Ethics and Economics	3
THEO 6735	Ecological Ethics	3
URST 5000	Issues in Urban Studies	3