HUMANITARIAN STUDIES (M.S.)

Requirements
The Master of Science in Humanitarian Studies degree is a 30-credit program constituted by five core courses, four concentration track electives, an internship, and a completed thesis.

Curriculum

Course | Title | Credits
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HUAF 5013 | Fundamentals of Humanitarian Action | 3
HUAF 5012 | Contemporary Issues in Humanitarian Action | 3
HUAF 5015 | Information Management | 3
HUAF 5014 | Humanitarian Resource Management and Administration | 3
HUAF 5016 | Monitoring and Evaluation in Humanitarian Response | 3

Four required courses from one of the following concentrations:  

1. Human Rights
2. Communities and Capacity Building
3. Livelihoods and Institutions

HUAF 5801 | Humanitarian Internship | 3
Masters’ Thesis  |  |

Total Credits | 30

1. More information about the Internship courses can be seen below.
2. A concentration is optional. Students who do not declare a concentration must take four electives.
3. You will complete a Master’s Thesis under the supervision of a faculty member on a topic related to your concentration area.

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. You will complete an internship tutorial that matches your concentration area, either during a summer, fall, or spring semester.

Concentrations

Human Rights concentration
Courses in this concentration 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.

Communities and Capacity Building concentration
Courses in this concentration 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.

Livelihoods and Institutions concentration
Courses in this concentration 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.