



Emergency Planning

SMGT420

Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

The course provides a practical process of disaster response planning and mitigation for security professionals working in both public and private organizations. A review of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is covered, as well as an examination of the roles, responsibilities, and interrelationship between FEMA, state and local emergency management systems, and other critical partners. The government's emergency resources available before, during, and after crises are also explained. The fundamental disciplines of emergency management are covered as well.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Haddow, G. D., Bullock, J. A., & Coppola, D. P. (2014). *Introduction to emergency management* (5th ed.). Burlington, MA: Elsevier.

III. Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each course and each [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) program of study, as well as [institution-wide outcomes](#) related to the mission and vision of the college. Outcomes can help learners and instructors focus on the big picture of the learning experience and can help inform potential employers about a graduate's knowledge and skills.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

- Explain the historical context of emergency management
- Define and discuss natural and technological hazards
- Explain the fundamentals of risk assessment.
- Explain and discuss the emergency management, disciplines of mitigation, and preparedness.
- Describe and discuss the emergency management disciplines of communications and response.
- Explain and discuss the emergency management discipline of recovery.
- Describe and discuss the issues, governments, and non-governmental organizations involved in international disaster management.
- Relate emergency management to the new terrorist threat and predict the future of emergency management.

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

IV. Course Policies

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies located in the instructor-specific syllabus in the blackboard course.

V. Course Requirements:

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Discussions	7	400	40%
Self-Check Questions	6	300	30%
Final Exam	1	300	30%
Total Points		1000	100

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	• Read Hadow chapters 1-2	• Unit 1 Discussion • Unit 1 Self-Check Questions
2	• Read Hadow chapters 3-4	• Unit 2 Discussion • Unit 2 Self-Check Questions
3	• Read Hadow chapters 5-6	• Unit 3 Discussion • Unit 3 Self-Check Questions
4	• Read Hadow chapter 7	• Unit 4 Discussion • Unit 4 Self-Check Questions
5	• Read Hadow chapter 8	• Unit 5 Discussion • Unit 5 Self-Check Questions
6	• Read Hadow chapters 9-10	• Unit 6 Discussion • Unit 6 Self-Check Questions • Unit 6 Final Exam

VII. Other Policies and Requirements

Follow this link to the Southwestern College Professional Studies [Standard Syllabus](#) in Blackboard. You may be required to log in.