

Syllabus

CRIJ 4335.001 – Emergency Planning and Risk Management
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Do not hesitate to send me a message and we can arrange an in-person visit or via Zoom.

Office hours: please reach out to me anytime

Class: we can meet in person to discuss anything, all assignments will be submitted via Canvas, on-line. We can meet face to face or through Zoom to discuss anything.

Course Overview

This course explores the effect of man-made emergencies and natural disasters on the communities in which we live. You will have opportunity to learn, explore and understand the roles and duties of emergency management professionals and first responders, including police, fire, EMTs and more. The textbook will expose you to emergency planning resources for natural events such as hurricanes, earthquakes and tornadoes, and for unexpected events such as terrorist activities, explosions and fires, and mass casualty events. In addition to reviewing the emergency response to prior events, you will be tasked with analyzing real world scenarios that have yet to occur.

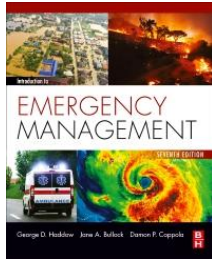
Student Learning Outcomes

Through readings, discussions and other materials, we will pursue the following course objectives:

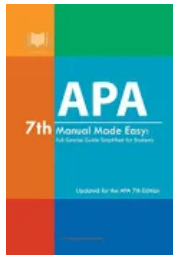
1. Explain the means and methods behind emergency response plans that include multi-agency coordination efforts.
2. Understand how agencies must adapt their emergency response plans to a growing and evolving technological society
3. Identify the immediate needs and resources necessary to respond to small-scale events, wide-scale events, man-made disasters, and natural disasters.
4. Demonstrate proficiency with the APA documentation style (7th ed.).
5. Compose an academically minded paper surrounding emergency response/risk planning.

Required Textbooks

Haddow, G., Bullock, J., & Coppola, D. (2020). *Introduction to Emergency Management*, 7th Edition. Amsterdam: The Netherlands: Elsevier.



American Psychological Association- 7th edition



Assignments and weights/percentage values

Plagiarism Certificate	1%
Quizzes	22%
Discussion Post/Reply	22%
Exams (3)	30%
Semester Paper	20%
Outline	<u>5%</u>
Total	100%

Grading Scale

- A = 90% or greater
- B = 80 – 89%
- C = 70 – 79%
- D = 60 – 69%
- F = below 60%

Late Work and Make-Up Exams

The general rule is I will not accept any late assignments. Please pay particular attention to all due dates. Unfortunately, illnesses, deaths in the family, or other traumatic events are part of life. Such events are unwelcomed, please contact me as soon as possible and we will work together to extend an assignment.

Attendance Policy

You are expected to attend every class session. There will be important information being discussed in class that you will need to ensure your success in this course. So, unless you are ill or have a family situation that precludes your attendance (you are expected in all class assignments. It is important you read the reading assignments to have a firm understanding of all material because it will assist you in preparing for quizzes and exams.

UT Tyler does have a [Class Attendance policy](#) in the catalog.

Graded Course Requirements Information

Chapter Quizzes:

At the end of each weekly chapter, you will be required to complete a comprehension reading chapter quiz. These quizzes are only 10 questions and will be multiple choice and true/false. The purpose of each quiz is to encourage you to read the chapter. These quizzes will be due Sunday of that week by 11:59pm.

Discussion Post/Reply:

You will be required to complete online activities that correspond with the materials presented in the chapter/s for the week and will be provided with instructions for each activity. These entries are designed to allow you the opportunity to analyze the material through the use of critical thinking.

Post/Reply requirements: First, post an original answer to the discussion question. Second, you must respond/comment to at least one of your fellow classmate's posts, this response must also be detailed and complete. To receive full credit, you must complete both sections of the requirement, unless instructed otherwise. The discussion will be due Sunday of that week by 11:59pm.

Examinations:

There are three (3) exams throughout this course. The questions are straightforward and arise from your readings. All exams will be due by 11:59pm on the date assigned.

Semester Paper:

You will have a semester paper due near the end of the term. You will be working on this paper throughout the semester, so you cannot wait until the weekend before the paper is due to begin working on it. There will be two parts required to be submitted: the outline and final paper submission.

The paper will be for you to:

Explain how emergency management and risk planning has evolved in the United States, provide real world incidents. Additionally, how can local, state and federal emergency management organizations develop and maintain a partnership that will improve response operations during a declared national emergency?

Outline: due Sunday, 03/03/2024, by 11:59pm

Final paper submission: due Sunday, 04/21/2024, by 11:59pm

Please view the module containing the outline and semester paper for complete details. A rubric has been provided for each section of the paper.

Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates (Tentative course schedule)

Week 1

January 16 - 21

- Self-Introduction Post
- Plagiarism Certificate
- Syllabus Comprehension Quiz

Week 2

January 22 - 28

- Chapter 1- The Historical Context of Emergency Management
- Chapter 1- Discussion Post/Reply

Week 3

January 29 - February 4

- Chapter 2- Natural and Technological Hazards and Risk Assessment
- Chapter 2- Quiz

Week 4

February 5 - 11

- Chapter 3- The Disciplines of Emergency Management: Mitigation
- Chapter 3- Discussion Post/Reply

Week 5

February 12 - 18

- Chapter 4- Preparedness
- Exam 1

Week 6

February 19 - 25

- Chapter 5- Crisis and Risk Communication
- Chapter 5- Quiz

Week 7

February 26 - March 3

- Chapter 6- The Disciplines of Emergency Management: Response
- Chapter 6- Discussion Post/Reply
- Outline

Week 8

March 4 - 10

- Case Study Discussion
- Case Study- Hurricane Katrina

Week 9

March 11 - 17

- Spring Break- Enjoy your time off

Week 10

March 18 - 24

- Chapter 7- Recovery
- Chapter 7- Quiz

Week 11

March 25 - 31

- Exam 2

Week 12

April 1 - 7

- Chapter 8- International Disaster Management
- Chapter - Quiz

Week 13

April 8 - 14

- Chapter 9- Emergency Management and the Terrorist Threat
- Chapter 9- Quiz

Week 14

April 15 - 21

- Semester Paper Submission

Week 15

April 22 – May 2

- Chapter 10- The Future of Emergency Management
- Exam 3 (Final Exam)