

## Emergency Management & Homeland Security Course Outline

Course title: Introduction to Disasters, Hazards, and Risk :  
Course Number: ( 0 + 6 105  
Course Credit: 3 credit hours  
Pre-Requisite: None

### Course Description:

Provides a research-based and practitioner overview of how people perceive and react to extreme events before, during, and after disasters.

### Program Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, the student will gain a better understanding of:

1. the life cycle of disasters (i.e. preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation)
2. The Hazard tradition
3. The Disaster tradition
4. The Risk tradition
5. the Crisis tradition
6. Application of the above concepts and ideas

### Course Rationale:

Through readings, lectures, discussion, video, guest speakers

a better understanding of disasters and emergency management.

### Program Assessment:

The University of Akron and specifically the Emergency Management program assesses student learning at several levels: general education program, and classroom. The goal of these assessment activities is to improve student learning. As a student in this course, you will participate in various assessment activities. Students have an active role in course and program assessment projects designed to strengthen and constantly improve student learning and education outcomes.

An example of your work, a paper, some test questions, a presentation or other work may be selected for assessment. The data is run across classes and over years to generate information on how to make our program better.

### Accessibility Statement:

If you feel you may need an accommodation or special service please contact [13 (the -13.8 (iaoffto )-0 (se)3

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### Topic I: Overview

- x History of disasters
- x Types of disasters
- x Impact of disasters on people