

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
New Paltz, New York

Institute for Disaster Mental Health  
Department of Psychology

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**Course Planning Sheet: Interdisciplinary Minor in Disaster Studies (minor code: 329)**

This form is to be used when students declare their minor in disaster studies. Please keep this form and check off courses as you take them. See current catalog for minor requirements. When filling for graduation, one copy should be brought to Records & Registration with your Degree Application and one copy should be left with the department secretary.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ College address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Requirements: 18 credit hours in Liberal Arts

**I. Required Core Courses**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 80456 Disaster Psychology\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 80330 Crisis Intervention\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 80494 Fieldwork in Psychology – Disaster Response\*\*

**Additional Core Courses**

- II. Choose at least **two** courses from Category II:
- \_\_\_\_\_ 80403 Health Psychology\*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 87350 Introduction to Human Services\*
  - OR \_\_\_\_\_ 87455 Social Work Intervention\*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 77318 Local Politics\*
  - OR \_\_\_\_\_ 77319 Politics and Media
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 90359 Communication Among Cultures
  - OR \_\_\_\_\_ 17420 Counseling Underrepresented Students
  - OR \_\_\_\_\_ 07214 Cultural Anthropology
  - OR \_\_\_\_\_ 07250 Ecological Anthropology
  - OR \_\_\_\_\_ 07481 Transcultural Health

**Elective Courses**

- III. Choose at least one course from Category III, or one additional course from the list above:
- \_\_\_\_\_ 53315 Public Relations I
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 90202 Interpersonal Communications
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 90358 Conflict Management
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 87323 Death in American Society\*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 77393 Terrorism in World Politics\*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 80306 Social Psychology\*

**\*\*Description of Fieldwork (3 credits)**

Fieldwork will emphasize crisis intervention and response to potential emergencies and disasters. Students will spend eight hours per week in the field. They may perform duties at a crisis hotline in Ulster County; work in the community or on campus on issues relating to disaster preparedness; and be part of a Critical Incident Response Team supervised by Ulster County Mental Health. Students will have the opportunity to be “on-call” for American Red Cross Emergency Services, serving on Disaster Action Teams of in other capacities. Students with other interests or talents may be placed in education, public relations, or other supportive areas in these agencies. All students will keep a journal in which they respond to assigned readings, and will meet as a group with the Fieldwork coordinator for discussion and group supervision. Class meeting will include presentations from a variety of departments and perspectives.

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Minor Advisor's signature

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Date

\* Note that some courses have prerequisites. Thus, some students, depending on their major and the GE courses taken, may need more credits to complete the minor.