

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
CORE COURSES
2008-09

<u>Acronym & No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
BHSC/SOWK 408	Introduction to Emergency Preparedness	2 cr.

Provides an introduction to basic philosophy and concepts of Emergency Preparedness as required by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and most states which certify staff. Includes use of FEMA-provided modules in the Professional Development Series which are accepted prerequisites for advanced classroom courses. A passing grade is required on each module for a Satisfactory grade and receipt of a Professional Development Series Certificate of Completion.

BHSC/SOWK 425	Emergency Planning	2 cr
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Principles of emergency planning used in any type of disaster. Includes working with volunteers, handling special events, evacuation, mass fatalities, planning for schools, and homeland security planning. Includes satisfactory completion of FEMA-provided modules in Professional Development Series. Prerequisite: BHSC/SOWK 408.

BSAD 426/526	Emergency Management	3 cr.
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Study of the ideas and concepts of emergency management. Expands basic principles covered in IS modules, giving attention to leadership issues in managing change and making sound policy decisions and communicating during crisis incidents. Includes attention to specific hazards, laws, and standards of state government and federal requirements. Relationships between community preparedness and local emergency management programs will be emphasized. Emphasis will be given to the Integrated Command System (ICS) and Emergency Operations Center models of emergency management operations. Includes satisfactory completion of FEMA-provided modules in Professional Development Series. Prerequisites: BHSC/SOWK 401 or IS modules IS-100 and IS 244.

BHSC/SOWK 449	Disaster Response and Emergency Operations	2 cr.
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Study of the phases of disaster response and recovery with attention to local, state, and national roles and expectations. Models of emergency management operations including communication, coordination, and chief executive decision making under conditions of disaster response will be emphasized. Attention will be given to the problems and concerns of recovery on victims and communities and the implications of disaster recovery efforts. Prerequisites: BSAD 426/526. Evidence of Satisfactory completion of PDS modules, IS 244 Developing and Managing Volunteers, and IS 700 National Incident Management System.

COMM 435/535¹

Crisis Communications

2 or 3 cr.

Understanding communication during crisis conditions. Planning, preventing and anticipating Public Relations emergencies. Preparing a crisis communications plan including internal and external consulting factors. Implementing Public Relations activities including understanding and the handling the media and the press, explaining technical information, communicating about risks and responding to warnings. Notification priorities and protocols. Developing information centers and methods and tools for disseminating information during emergencies.

BHSC/SOWK 478

Principles & Practice of Hazards Mitigation

3 cr

Study of preparedness as related to hazards in the local community with attention to means of mitigation as well as planning measures. Includes IS modules IS 271 Anticipating Hazardous Weather & Community Risk and IS 340 Hazardous Materials Prevention. Prerequisites: BIOL 208 and evidence of Satisfactory completion of BHSC/SOWK 408.

SOCI/SOWK 477

Community Assessment and Capacity Mapping

2 cr

Introduction to various methods for assessing community needs and mapping community capacity to address those needs. Includes damage assessment for emergency situations.

BHSC 490

Capstone in Emergency Preparedness (Practicum)

Experience in Disaster Preparedness exercises. Individually planned with the student by the instructor in consultation with local campus and community Emergency Coordinators. Briefing and reflections with the instructor will be expected of students enrolled in this course. Permission of instructor required. May be repeated to 3 cr. Prerequisites: BHSC/SOWK 408 or equivalent and one other core course in Emergency Preparedness.

¹ **COMM 435** is 3 semester credits; **COMM 535** is 2 semester credits.