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# MA Humanitarianism & Conflict Response





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## About HCRI

HCRI at The University of Manchester is inspired by the need to conduct rigorous research and to support postgraduate training on the impact and outcomes of contemporary and historical crises. Directed by Dr Rony Brauman (former President of MSF France, Associate Professor at L'Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris, and Director of Research at the MSF Foundation, Paris), HCRI is widely recognised as being a leading international research institute focusing on the study of humanitarianism, conflict response and peacebuilding.

Our work is driven by a desire to inform and support policy and decision makers, to optimise joint working between partner organisations, and to foster increased understanding and debate within the field. Bringing together the disciplines of medicine and the humanities (including international relations and political science) to achieve these goals, HCRI aims to facilitate improvements in crisis response on a global scale whilst providing a centre of excellence for all concerned with emergencies, conflicts and peace. In offering a range of postgraduate courses we embrace this opportunity to develop a scholarly and professional agenda for humanitarians and peacebuilders around the world.

[www.hcri.ac.uk](http://www.hcri.ac.uk)

## About the course

This multidisciplinary degree course focuses on response to crises originating from both conflict-zones and natural disasters. Bringing together the study of medicine and humanities, the course provides an inclusive approach that mirrors the reality of aid operations and informs the reflexive processes of both analytical and applied disciplines. Students will be able to draw synergies from an exceptionally wide breadth of disciplinary traditions and research expertise.

We welcome graduates from all disciplines as the programme is interdisciplinary.

### Study options

Available as 1 year full time or 2 years part time study (part time study only available to UK/EU students)

### Fees

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## Intended learning outcomes

On completion of the programme, you should be able to show critical understanding and knowledge of:

1. Key issues and debates in humanitarianism and conflict response, familiarity with different theoretical approaches and practical problems, and an appreciation of the diversity of policies at international and national levels
2. The range of social science topics associated with humanitarianism and conflict response, and the normative and historiographic assumptions that underpin these issues
3. The analytical and policy literature concerning the related issues of the causes of conflict, reconstruction, ethics and international governance structures and institutions, the role and perspectives of the state, multilateral and bilateral agencies, international and domestic NGOs and other civil institutions
4. A detailed and extensive understanding of a specific conceptual and/or policy-related area of humanitarianism and conflict response, of the implications and limitations of research findings on this subject, and of how to produce an original piece of academic research (delivered via the dissertation)





## Course units

You will undertake 180 credits of course units, with the dissertation providing a contribution of 60 credits.

### Course units may include:

- Humanitarianism and conflict response: inquiries
- Emergency humanitarian assistance
- Fundamentals of epidemiology
- Humanitarian responses to crises: case studies
- The history of humanitarian aid
- Global health
- The Arab revolts and post-revolutionary state formation
- Anthropology of violence
- The ethics of killing
- Conflict analysis
- Democracy: theory & practice
- Reconstruction and development

The Placements module offers the opportunity to carry out a short placement within an organisation. Most importantly, the placement provides students with the chance to engage with local employers in order to develop career choices, as well as developing organisational awareness. In the past students have undertaken placements with Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit and In Place Of War, an innovative research project and arts organisation based at The University of Manchester.



## MA bursary

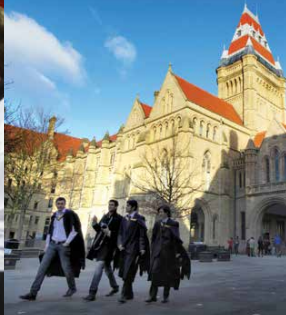
Applicants should state their interest in the award within the funding section of the online application form and also provide a personal statement (max 500 words) outlining why they have chosen to study this particular MA and what they will bring to the course. The HCRI MA bursary is awarded based on a number of criteria including previous academic performance, relevant professional experience, reference letters, and the quality of the reflections in the applicant's personal statement. The bursary is tenable for one year only.

For full scholarship and bursary details see [www.hcri.ac.uk](http://www.hcri.ac.uk)

## To apply

Find out more about the course and how to apply at [www.hcri.ac.uk](http://www.hcri.ac.uk) or contact [hcri@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:hcri@manchester.ac.uk)





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