MANCHESTER 1824
The University of Manchester

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES
PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

For students studying on programme:	**MSc International Disaster Management**
Level of study:	**Postgraduate**
Academic year of study:	**2026/27**
Programme Code:	**07803 (full time), 07804 (part time)**
Plan Code:	**09910 (full time), 09911 (part time)**
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Contact:	If you have any questions about this structure, please contact salc.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk, including in your subject ***FAO HCRI***

Please note:

Course Credits

When choosing course units, you must ensure you select:

Full-time students select 180 credits

Part-time students select 60 credits in Year 1 and 120 credits in Year 2

- Part-time students take HCRI60141 in Year 1 and HCRI60170 in Year 2
- HCRI60262 (Disaster Politics) can be taken in Year 1 or Year 2.

Course Units Outside HCRI

Students may take only one non-HCRI/SALC coded course unit per semester.

If you are part-time, you can take a maximum of two non-HCRI SALC coded course units over two years.

The list below includes examples of non-HCRI/SALC coded courses that may interest MSc IDM students.

However, students are permitted to take other courses from across the university if they receive permission from the course lecturer and the PGT Programme Director (stephanie.sodero@manhcester.ac.uk).

Course Unit Descriptions

More information about each of the course units listed below can be found here.

Course Unit Offerings

Note that the actual **course units offered each year varies**, subject to the availability of teaching lecturers and other factors. If you are particularly interested in a specific course unit in the coming academic year, email salc.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk to confirm that this course unit will be available. For part-time students, note that we cannot confirm Year 2 course offerings.

1: You will be automatically enrolled onto the following course units		**Credit**
HCRI60141	Disaster Management: Theory and Application	15
HCRI60261	Disaster Politics	15
HCRI60170	Research and Evaluation Methods	15
HCRI60000	Dissertation	60

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2: The remaining 75 credits should be chosen from this list of optional course units. Please note that students may take one non-HCRI/SALC coded option per semester.		**Credit**
SEMESTER 1		
HCRI60071	Geographical Information Systems and Disasters: A Critical Introduction	15
HCRI61301	Vital Mobilities: Delivering Healthcare in a Changing Climate	15
HCRI61201	History of Humanitarian Aid	15
MGDI60801	Key Issues in Environment and Development	15
MGDI60731	Migration, Mobility and Displacement in the Contemporary World	15
SEMESTER 2		
HCRI63222	Systemic Approaches to Disaster Management	15
HCRI62222	Gender, Race and Security	15
HCRI64402	Understanding Environmental Hazards	15
HCRI60412	Climate Change, Resilience and Environmental Justice	15
MGDI60552	Climate, Environment and Development	15
MGDI71992	Characteristics and Skills of Development Practice	15
POLI71142	The Politics of Global Climate	15

3: Optional Distance Learning Units

You can select from the below list of distance learning modules. If you are an on-campus student, you may only select a **maximum of one** online learning unit throughout the entirety of your degree.

These course units do not run in line with the traditional semester timing. They entail predominately **independent study**, with no face-to-face learning. A full breakdown for the teaching period and of the teaching and learning requirements will be available in course unit handbooks.

*** To qualify for HCRI70040, you will need to have some professional humanitarian experience.** If you believe you meet this pre-requisite, you must email the course unit director, Bertrand.Taithe@manchester.ac.uk for permission to enrol. If granted, please forward this email to salc.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk with 'FAO HCRI' in subject header.

SEMESTER 1 / BLOCK 1			
HCRI70040	Critical Approaches to the Management Humanitarian Operations * *See above pre-requisite.*	28 Sep – 6 Dec	15
HCRI74000	Health Systems & Markets	28 Sep – 6 Dec	15
HCRI77000	Risk, Vulnerability & Resilience	28 Sep – 6 Dec	15
SEMESTER 2 / BLOCK 2A			
HCRI70112	The Triple Nexus	11 Jan – 21 Mar	15
SEMESTER 2 / BLOCK 2B			
HCRI76000	Management & Leadership in Humanitarianism	30 Mar – 6 Jun	15
HCRI71000	Community Approaches to Health	30 Mar – 6 Jun	15

4: Non-Credited Course Units

All PGT students in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) will be automatically enrolled upon the following course units. You will receive more information regarding these course units at the beginning of the academic year

SALC60000	Postgraduate Skills Training
SALC61230	The School of Arts, Languages & Cultures PG Health and Safety Unit
SALC61240	SALC Academic Malpractice