



About the course

Our part-time online Global Health programme has been developed in collaboration with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

The course is aimed at both those new to the humanitarian sector and professionals who want to update their knowledge.

The online format offers a practical means of study for those deployed or working globally and the inclusive approach mirrors the reality of intervening in a humanitarian context.

It brings together the study of emergency medicine, disaster management, community health, anthropology and the sociology of both health and illness. You will have access to leading multidisciplinary academics and practitioners.

Study options:

You can exit the course with a PGCert award after Year 1, a PGDip after Year 2, or complete an MSc after Year 3

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Why study at HCRI?

As a leading global centre for the study of humanitarianism, conflict response, global health, international disaster management and peacebuilding, HCRI offers an unrivalled learning environment for students interested in pursuing careers in humanitarian aid or research in this area.

HCRI aims to facilitate improvements in crisis response on a global scale whilst providing a centre of excellence for all concerned with responding to emergencies, conflicts and building peace. Our postgraduate courses work to develop a scholarly and professional agenda for humanitarians and peacebuilding around the world.

You will have the opportunity to engage first-hand with the people, projects and organisations that shape humanitarian, global health, disaster management, conflict response and intervention strategies around the world.

Intended learning outcomes:

After Years 1 and 2, you should be able to show critical understanding of:

- key issues and debates related to the practices of global health programming in a humanitarian context. You will show familiarity with different theoretical approaches, practical problems and an appreciation of the diversity of policies at international and national levels
- the range of social science topics which influence global health development. You will become familiar with the methodological and normative underpinnings of these disciplines
- the analytical and policy literature concerning the related issues of global health
- an understanding of international, national and local approaches to global health and disaster response
- the range of research methodologies and methods associated with global health research

After Year 3, you should also be able to:

- demonstrate your capacity for self-managed learning through planning and conducting research on a topic related to your studies and field of interest
- develop your knowledge of a relevant body of literature, understanding of relevant theoretical perspectives and powers of critical reasoning



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Course units

You will undertake four 15 credit course units in Years 1 and 2. Year 3 will comprise of a 60 credit dissertation

Year 1 course units may include:

- Community Approaches to Health
- Ethics, Human Rights and Health
- Health Systems and Markets
- Risk, Vulnerability and Resilience

Year 2 course units may include:

- Diseases and Trauma in Developing Countries
- Disaster Preparedness
- Management and Leadership in Humanitarianism
- Research Methods in Global Health

Dissertation

This module is an opportunity for you to plan, manage and conduct a programme of research on a topic related to your programme of studies. This provides vital experience of developing and managing a specific programme of work through to submission, which provide transferable skills for your future career.

Student voice

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The online format was perfect for me as it meant I could organise my studies around my own busy work schedule. I found the content highly engaging, relevant and insightful. The fact that the course was developed in conjunction with the IFRC, meant that we learnt about issues affecting the world's populations today.

The weekly online discussions really helped me to consolidate the learning and explore different viewpoints from other students, as well as learn first-hand about their experiences, which I found not only extremely valuable but often incredibly humbling.”

Jody Mulholland
Global Health graduate



Career options

Students come from a broad range of backgrounds, with varying levels of experience. This means there are a wide range of career choices to consider, including:

- Health promotion
- Education
- Environmental protection
- Health and emergency medicine NGOs
- Global health consultation