

Disaster and Emergency Management (DEMS)

As a Disaster and Emergency Management student, you will examine real-life disasters and emergency situations while gaining an understanding of the importance and complexities of crisis management. You will also identify, assess and learn to manage risks and strategies to enhance resiliency that will help mitigate the social and economic consequences of disaster in this multidisciplinary program. There are no shortages of disasters to fully explore!

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Disaster and Emergency Management will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/DEMS 1701 - Disaster Cases and Concepts	3.00
Major Course	LE/ESSE 1410 - Natural, Technological, and Human-induced Disasters	6.00
Major Course	AP/ADMS 1000 - Introduction to Business	3.00
Major Course	AP/DEMS 2700 - Fundamentals of Emergency Management	3.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences (Disasters and History recommended)	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Elective Course	Any course for which you meet the prerequisite requirements	3.00
Total		30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With Disaster and Emergency Management, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. Disaster and Emergency Management can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

Communication Studies	Law and Society
Economics	Political Science
Health and Society	Urban Studies
Human Rights and Equity Studies	+ many more!

Minor Options Include:

Economics	Political Science
Health and Society	Public Administration
Human Resource Management	Urban Studies
Human Rights and Equity Studies	+ many more!

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- **Career-Focused Services**

Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.

- **Academic Support**

Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.

- **Social & Leadership Development Programs**

A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations such as Undergraduates of Disaster and Emergency Management to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your



Julianna Primiani
Alumni
Disaster and Emergency
Management '17

"The faculty members in Disaster and Emergency Management are always there to support me and provide great advice regarding internships, research opportunities and up and coming themes within the industry. They work tirelessly to improve the program bringing in simulators, table-top exercises and even field trips."

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Disaster and Emergency Management requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with introductory courses in Disaster and Emergency Management, Business and General Education, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



Disaster and Emergency Management Courses: Disaster Cases and Concepts, Fundamentals of Emergency Management

Business Courses: Introduction to Business

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Disaster and Emergency Management

Second Year

In your second year, you will begin to focus on the core areas of Disaster and Emergency Management practice and research.



Disaster and Emergency Management Courses: Emergency Management Communications, Business Continuity Planning, Disaster Risk Management

Business Courses: Introduction to Organizational Behaviour, Qualitative Methods I

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in Disaster and Emergency Management will focus more on the critical concepts of the field and expanding on the fundamental knowledge.



Disaster and Emergency Management Courses: Comprehensive Emergency Management, Ethics and Disasters, Field Placement

Elective Courses: Choose new areas to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, you will focus primarily on advanced courses in your field and other interests you have explored with elective courses.



Disaster and Emergency Management Courses: Critical Infrastructure, Disasters and Logistics, Terrorism

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Disaster and Emergency Management courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!