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HUMN 201. Introduction to Humanitarian Affairs. 3 credits.
A geographical overview of poverty, armed conflict, hunger, disease, and natural disasters and how they can lead to humanitarian crises. It includes a study of human rights along with a look at international efforts to address, and international organizations that deal with, humanitarian crises.

HUMN/GEOG 301. Introduction to Natural Disasters Response. 3 credits.
This course is designed to give students an overview of the various types of natural disasters; a look at the world regions that are most vulnerable to each type of disaster; and, a preview of disaster planning, management, relief and response as related to natural disasters.

HUMN 350. Special Topics in Humanitarian Affairs. 1-3 credits.
Focused, in-depth study of specific areas or subjects related to Humanitarian Affairs. Topics will provide background and skills important for humanitarian work. Can be repeated as course content changes. Prerequisite: Permission of the minor coordinator.

HUMN/GEOG 360. GIS for Humanitarian Assistance. 3 credits.
In responding to humanitarian crises, governments and aid organizations must deploy aid workers, deliver essential services, set up temporary settlements, and distribute items such as water and food that are needed for survival. Spatial analysis and maps are critical to the success of these efforts. In this course, students learn the basics of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for humanitarian assistance and learn how relief organizations use GIS in their work.

HUMN 490. Humanitarian Affairs Field Experience. 3 credits.
The HUMN 490 course offers students an opportunity to gain experience and practical skills, preferably in an “international setting,” either in the U.S. or abroad, and to apply knowledge and skills acquired through the Humanitarian Affairs program. This course must be completed in a setting approved by the student’s adviser and the humanitarian affairs minor committee. Prerequisites: HUMN 201 and junior status.