Students will examine causes, conditions, and solutions to humanitarian crises in the following areas:

- Disease
- Poverty
- Hunger
- Natural Hazards
- Armed Conflict

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Students are strongly encouraged to have an international internship. The international experience must be one that will enhance the student’s knowledge of humanitarian issues and be approved by the humanitarian affairs minor coordinators. This experience can be completed abroad or with an international organization in the United States.

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The interdisciplinary Humanitarian Affairs minor provides students with a global perspective on major issues facing the human community today. Students will investigate the impacts of natural disasters, disease, poverty, conflict, human rights violations, and governmental policies on human communities around the world.

They will also explore solutions to humanitarian crises and some of the organizations that address those crises. Finally, students will acquire knowledge and skills that prepare them for careers in government or non-profit organizations that address humanitarian issues.

**Course Requirements**

The minor is open to all undergraduate students, and requires successful completion of 18 hours of study.

**Core Requirements (3 credit hours)**

HUMN 201. Introduction to Humanitarian Affairs

**Choose five of the following, with no more than two from any single discipline (15 credit hours):**

HUMN/GEOG 301. Introduction to Natural Disasters
HUMN 350. Topics in Humanitarian Assistance
HUMN/GEOG 360. GIS for Humanitarian Assistance
HUMN 490. Humanitarian Affairs Field Experience I
ANTH/SOCI 313. Processes of Social and Cultural Change
ANTH 366. Anthropology of War
ANTH 373. Anthropological Perspectives on Environment and Development
BIO 354. Global Climate Change and Life: Ecological and Biological Impacts of Climate Variability
BIO 420. Medical Parasitology
ECON 270. International Economics
ENGR 360. Water in Africa, Technology, Education and Reciprocity
GEOG 215. Geospatial Tools I – Cartography and GIS
GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape
GEOG 300. Population Geography
GEOG 322. Agricultural Systems and Global Food Production
GEOG 323. Geography of Human Genetics and Infectious Disease
GEOG 335. Geography of Africa
GEOG 339. Geography of the Caribbean
GEOG 345. Geography of Poverty
GEOG 375. Political Geography
ISAT 459. Awareness and Understanding of Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Weapons of Mass Destruction

**Additional Courses (6 credit hours):**

JUST 235. Justice in the Global Community
JUST 341. Gender and Justice
JUST 345. Restorative Justice
JUST 357. Environmental Justice
JUST 375. Genocide in the 20th Century
JUST 377. Global Futures
JUST/POSC 392. Peace Studies
NPS 300. Introduction to Nonprofits
NUTR 380. Global Nutrition
POSC 200. Global Politics
POSC/JUST 331. Human Rights in Theory and Practice
POSC 340. Third World Development
POSC 347. Comparative Public Policy
POSC 348. The Politics of Cultural Pluralism
POSC 395. International Law
POSC 396. International Organizations
POSC 397. Politics of International Economic Relations
PSYC 460. Community Psychology in Developing Societies
SCOM 331. Communication and Conflict
SCOM 332. Mediation
SCOM/JUST 333. Negotiations
SCOM 334. Alternative Dispute Resolution
SOWK 288. Social Welfare
SOWK/SOCI 348. Introduction to Developing Societies
SOWK 375. Grant Writing for Agencies
WRTC 314. Writing in the Public Sphere
WRTC 484. Writing for Nonprofits
WRTC 486. Writing in the Community