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

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

The minor includes an option for 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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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
- ANTH/SCI 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
- 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/SCI 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