

# Certificate in Humanitarian Assistance

The Certificate in Humanitarian Assistance provides students with an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the theoretical, normative, and practical aspects of humanitarian assistance. The certificate is currently open to Master's degree candidates within the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, including those pursuing degrees in development, human rights, security, and other fields.

A minimum of 30 credit hours is required to complete the certificate, which can be completed in a 12 month period, although an 18-24 month period is recommended. Requirements include: completion of a 15-credit core curriculum, 10-15 credits of elective courses and an internship.

Admission to the Certificate program is based on an application and an interview. The Program is highly competitive and capped at 30 students. A concentration (approximately 15-20 credit hours) in humanitarian assistance is also available.

## *Certificate Requirements\**

### **1. Core Courses:**

Two Required:

- INTS 4581 Introduction to Humanitarian Systems
- INTS 4496 Field Operations for Humanitarian Assistance

Two of the Following:

- INTS 4492 Health and Humanitarian Aid
- INTS 4935 International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict
- INTS 4056 Information Management in Humanitarian Crises
- INTS 4583 International Protection in Humanitarian Context
- INTS 4652 Contemporary Issues in Refugee Studies

### **2. Elective Courses:** 3 course in one of the following tracks:

\*Only 1 non-INTS course may be counted towards the Certificate.  
Only 1 elective may be double counted

Monitoring, Evaluation and Analysis

- INTS 4423 Introduction to Epidemiology
- INTS 4333 International Project Analysis
- INTS 4332 Data Analysis for Development
- INTS 4057 Statistics for International Affairs
- \*PPOL 4400 Analytical & Critical Skills (4 credits)

Management/Operations

- INTS4342 Project Management
- INTS 4391 Financial Mgmt. & Fundraising for Non-Profits
- INTS 4394 Non-Profit Management: Issues & Techniques
- INTS 4555 Professional Communications
- INTS 4557 Cross-Cultural Communication
- INTS 4497 International Campaign Management
- INTS 4920 Conflict Resolution

Policy/Advocacy

- INTS 4497 International Campaign Management
- INTS 4931 International Organizations
- INTS 4934 Intervention Policy & Practice
- INTS 4941 Human Rights & International Organizations
- INTS 4936 International Law and Human Rights
- \*CSPY 4500 International Disaster Psychology I (School of Professional Psychology, instructor approval required)
- \*CSPY 4606 Gender-Based Violence (School of Professional Psychology, instructor approval required)

### **3. Internship:** Required (0 to 5 credits)

An internship (150 hours) with an organization, whose core work includes international humanitarian assistance or humanitarian policy/advocacy, is required for the Humanitarian Assistance Certificate. These are usually completed by students in the summer between the first and second years of the MA program. Students arrange their own internship placements but should consult with the HA program director for ideas and approval. Internships must also be approved by the JKSI Office of Career and Professional Development before the internship starts.

## *Program Director*

Chen Reis, Clinical Associate Professor and Director,  
Humanitarian Assistance Program

**For additional information about faculty, visit the website.**

## *Careers*

Students pursuing this certificate and concentration program work with local, national and international organizations that are involved with humanitarian assistance.

## *Student Resources*

Humanitarian Assistance Community Portfolio  
The Josef Korbel School Student Groups

## *Admissions Requirements*

This certificate program can only be pursued in conjunction with an MA degree and has a separate application.

**Please note:** The concentration in Humanitarian Assistance can be pursued in conjunction with any Master's level degree within the University of Denver.

## *Contact us*

Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 303.871.2544 or via email at [korbeladm@du.edu](mailto:korbeladm@du.edu) for more information. Contact the certificate coordinator at [haprogram@du.edu](mailto:haprogram@du.edu).

\*This description is not binding. For the most comprehensive and updated program descriptions and requirements, please review the MA Handbook on our website.



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