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HUMANITARIAN STUDIES

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# Course Catalogue

2021 - 2022

## Improving Humanitarian Response

Barsalogho, medical center. A doctor whose team consults more than 150 children a day for cases of malaria and malnutrition. Photo © ICRC

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# Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action

**Blended Learning**    **Option I:** 14 months    **Option II:** Two-Three year flexible entry

This Executive Master programme is a unique **blended learning** postgraduate course on humanitarian action providing current and future humanitarian professionals with the managerial, theoretical and practical skills needed to optimize responses to humanitarian crises.

Our programme has been developed in response to the growing need to understand, question and reform today's humanitarian system, and it is delivered in collaboration with our partner organisations, the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)**. The programme offers evidence-based, cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural education in the field of humanitarian action.

**The Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action is a flexible and modular course, allowing students to choose from two options to organize their studies: either a 14-month consecutive course, or a flexible 2-3 year course.**

## MAS Option I: 14-month consecutive course

The next MAS starts in September 2021 with a "core course", residential term. It continues with a second, online term, focusing on the quality management of humanitarian projects. The third term is composed of five elective short online courses and it is followed by the last term: a dissertation.

- **Term One:** September - December 2021 - residential term in Geneva
- **Term Two:** January - April 2022 - online
- **Term Three:** April - October 2022 - online
- **Term Four:** Final dissertation by 31 October 2022 - online

More detailed information about the programme is available [here](#).

## MAS Option Two: Flexible programme (up to 38 months)

This option gives participants the flexibility to start the MAS with the core course (term one), or with any other courses that are part of the MAS programme. Students have up to 38 months to complete the 60 ECT credits necessary for the MAS.

Possible programme combinations can be found [here](#). If you are interested in this option, contact the MAS [Course Coordinator](#) to discuss your study plan.

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### Option I 14- month consecutive course

**Note:** Only this option is available for students applying for a scholarship.

**Duration:** from 8 September 2021 to 31 October 2022

**Location:** Blended-learning (online and residential in Geneva)

**Registration deadline:** 31 May 2021

**Scholarship application deadline:** Expired

**Credits:** 60 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 15,000 CHF

### Option II Flexible up to 38 months

With this option, the MAS can be taken over a two to three year period.

Students can commence at various times to suit their needs.

**Duration:** 2/3 years

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** flexible

**Credits:** 60 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 17,000 CHF

# Diploma of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action

This Diploma offers professionals a critical understanding of the humanitarian system analysing past, present and future responses, therefore giving participants the ability to contextualize humanitarian action in today's world and apply this to their work.

## Objectives

At the end of the course, participants will have developed a critical understanding of contemporary humanitarian action informed by academic scholarship, which will enable them to become better informed, and more aware and effective humanitarian practitioners, more autonomous in their decisions.

**The course is divided in five modules:**

**M1:** Humanitarianisms

**M2:** Contexts, Actions and Consequences

**M3:** Revisiting Vulnerability and Needs

**M4:** Humanitarian Governance, Norms and Principles

**M5:** The Humanitarians

**The Diploma also includes the writing of a final dissertation.**

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**Duration:** 13 September - 10 December 2021

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Registration deadline:** 31 May, 2021

**Scholarship application deadline:** Expired

**Credits:** 30 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 8,000 CHF

# Certificate of Advanced Studies: Quality Management of Humanitarian Projects

This certificate addresses the dynamics and components that guarantee the quality management of adapted projects and cohesive teams. It integrates fundamental principles such as inclusion and diversity, do no harm, accountability and participation into processes, methods and tools of project and people management. The course benefits from guest lecturers from various partner organisations including MSF, SPHERE, HQAI, CHS Alliance and Terre des Hommes.

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**Duration:** 10 January 2022 – 1 April 2022

**Format:** Online

**Registration deadline:** 31 October 2021

**Credits:** 10 ECTS

**Tuition fee:** 5,000 CHF

# Executive Short Courses - 2 ECTS

**Registration deadline for all IN-PERSON Executive Short Courses:** For VISA candidates, **six weeks** before the start of the course, for other candidates, **two weeks** before the start of the course

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT SETTINGS AND EMERGENCIES

The overall objective of the course is to provide mid-level and senior managers the knowledge and skills required to conceive a multidisciplinary approach to respond to the complex needs of survivors of sexual violence in conflicts and emergencies. The course is delivered in partnership with the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), Refugee Law Project, UNHCR, and independent human rights experts.**

**Duration:** Eight weeks  
**Dates:** 17 March – 5 May 2021  
**Format:** Online  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## HUMANITARIAN PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT

This executive course aims at strengthening the capacities of project managers to design humanitarian responses that focus on sustainable and locally defined changes. The course is based on the Results-Based Management (RBM) approach and provides concepts and tools for each phase of the project cycle.

**Duration:** 3-5 weeks  
**Dates:** 22 March – 23 April, 2021 (Full version)  
22 March - 9 April, 2021 (Short version)  
**Format:** Online  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES WITH CRISIS-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

This course focuses on the development of a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the challenges, opportunities and limits of dialogue with communities – including intercultural communication, accountability and strategy – to build constructive relationships. Based on the experience and know-how of various organisations, the course is a mix of theory and practical exercises.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 19 – 23 April, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## DESIGNING AN ADVOCACY STRATEGY FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Using lectures, case studies and discussions with professionals in humanitarian advocacy, develop strategic skills to better analyse specific contexts, map stakeholders, and design effective advocacy strategies in support of operational humanitarian projects.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 26 – 30 April, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## MEDIA AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION

This executive short course provides a comprehensive understanding of traditional and digital media. It focuses specifically on the uses of media in humanitarian settings and with humanitarian organisations. Students will be able to critically reflect on the influence and power of the media and learn how to fully use their potential for effective communication.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 3-7 May, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## PLANETARY HEALTH

This executive course is a full time training, given by climate experts and humanitarian health practitioners, which focuses on the climate emergency and its impacts on health.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 10 – 14 May, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## NEGOTIATION IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

This online training, delivered in partnership with the **Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN)**, focuses on the design of adapted negotiation strategies in humanitarian settings, as well as the development of participant's self-awareness. It links real situations experienced by participants with the latest concepts around humanitarian negotiation, meaning negotiations aimed at securing access, assistance and protection for civilians facing humanitarian emergencies.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 17 – 21 May, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

This executive short course focuses on the particular challenges presented by non-communicable diseases in emergencies, as well as the design of adapted and effective projects to address non-communicable diseases. The course is delivered in partnership with the **Centre for Global Chronic Conditions at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.**

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 25 - 28 May, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES: WHAT WORKS?

This executive short course has a dual objective to build students' practical skills to design, implement and monitor projects using Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) as well as build their critical and reflexive skills on the topic of cash and voucher assistance.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 31 May – 4 June, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

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## PROTECTION IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

This executive short course aims at analyzing the activities undertaken by humanitarian actors and the international community to protect the fundamental rights of specific categories of vulnerable communities, in accordance with human rights law, international humanitarian law and refugee law.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 7 – 11 June, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

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## SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

This executive course is a full time training, given by academic staff and humanitarian practitioners, which focuses on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in humanitarian crises, using specific methods and tools. This course is delivered in partnership with the **UN Population Fund (UNFPA)** and the **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 14 – 18 June, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

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## HEALTH SYSTEM ASSESSMENT IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

The primary purpose of this intensive executive short course, based on the book published by Professor Blanchet 'Applied Systems Thinking for Health Systems Research' is to familiarize participants with a health systems approach to healthcare for communities in low and middle countries affected by humanitarian crises.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 21 – 25 June, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

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## GESTION DU CYCLE D'UN PROJET HUMANITAIRE

Cette formation vise à renforcer la capacité des coordinateur.trice.s de projets à concevoir des réponses humanitaires qui apportent des changements durables et définis localement. Le cours utilise l'approche de la Gestion Axée sur les Résultats (Results-Based Management (RBM) en anglais) et propose des concepts et outils pour chacune des phases du cycle de projet.

**Durée:** 3-5 semaines  
**Dates:** 7 Juin – 9 Juillet 2021 (Version complète)  
7 Juin – 25 Juin 2021 (Version courte)  
**Format:** en ligne (français)  
**Frais:** CHF 1,500

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## SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT SETTINGS AND EMERGENCIES

The overall objective of this executive short course is to provide humanitarian mid-level and senior managers the knowledge, competencies and skills required to conceive and operationalise a multidisciplinary approach to prevention and response of sexual violence in conflict and emergency settings. The course is delivered in partnership with **ICRC, MSF, Refugee Law Project, UNHCR, and independent human rights experts**.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 4 – 8 October, 2021  
**Location:** Geneva  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

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## NEGOTIATION IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

This online training, delivered in partnership with the **Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN)**, focuses on the design of adapted negotiation strategies in humanitarian settings, as well as the development of participant's self-awareness. It links real situations experienced by participants with the latest concepts around humanitarian negotiation, meaning negotiations aimed at securing access, assistance and protection for civilians facing humanitarian emergencies.

**Duration:** Two weeks  
**Dates:** 15 – 26 November, 2021  
**Format:** Online  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

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## SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT SETTINGS AND EMERGENCIES (UGANDA)

The overall objective of this executive short course is to provide humanitarian mid-level and senior managers the knowledge, competencies and skills required to conceive and operationalise a multidisciplinary approach to prevention and response of sexual violence in conflict and emergency settings. The course is delivered in partnership with **ICRC, MSF, Refugee Law Project, UNHCR, and independent human rights experts**.

**Duration:** One week  
**Dates:** 29 November – 3 December, 2021  
**Location:** Uganda  
**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## HUMANE LEADERSHIP AND PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

While critically reviewing the current trends and practices around leadership and people management, this executive short course aims at giving you the opportunity to ascertain the leader you are and situate your style within your preferred conceptual and practical framework.

**Duration:** 2,5 weeks

**Dates:** 10 – 25 January, 2022

**Format:** Online

**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

## HUMANITARIAN PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT

This executive course aims at strengthening the capacities of project managers to design humanitarian responses that focus on sustainable and locally defined changes. The course is based on the Results-Based Management (RBM) approach and provides concepts and tools for each phase of the project cycle.

**Duration:** 3-5 weeks

**Dates:** 21 February – 25 March, 2022 (Full version)

21 February – 11 March, 2022 (Short version)

**Format:** Online

**Tuition fee:** CHF 1,500

# Massive Online Open Course

## HUMANITARIAN COMMUNICATION: ADDRESSING KEY CHALLENGES

The Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) “Humanitarian communication, addressing key challenges” allows participants to gain some of the competencies by focusing on the main challenges of communications in humanitarian settings and the means to address these challenges. The five-week online FREE course requires three to four hours of work per week and offers maximum flexibility to remotely-connected participants, who learn at their own pace.

**Duration:** Five weeks; 3-4 hours of work per week  
Offered several times throughout the academic year

**Format:** Online

**Tuition fee:** Free

## Audience

- Professionals in the humanitarian, development or social sector looking to develop their competencies as well as reflect and capitalise on their experiences
- Professionals from other sectors who wish to increase their understanding of the humanitarian sector for a potential career change
- Graduate students with relevant volunteer or intern experience, looking to undertake a post-graduate course with a view to entering the humanitarian sector.

## Scholarships

Students who come from and work in countries designated as “least developed”, “lower income” and “lower middle income” are eligible for scholarships in the **DAC list of ODA Recipients**. **Candidates can apply for a scholarship by filling in the online application form.**

## Language

All our courses are run in English (except where indicated). Students need to prove their level of competence when applying.

**For more information visit:**

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/application/>

### Important information:

The courses listed above are planned to be delivered in person at our Centre in Geneva. This, however, may change in the future depending on potential new social restrictions linked to the COVID-19 crisis.

For the most up-to-date information about our courses please refer to our website:

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/find-course/>