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Improving Humanitarian Response

Barsalogo, 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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Education

Flexibility

Our courses focus on strengthening competencies for humanitarian professionals. Prospective students can select from a wide variety of courses in terms of length, discipline and format, with flexible and modular options for professionals to deepen their knowledge. Thematic priorities for our courses are developed in close consultation with the Centre's academic and humanitarian partners, including the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)**.

Audience

- Entry and mid-level professionals in the humanitarian, development or social sector looking to develop their competencies as well as reflect and capitalise on their experience.
- Professionals from other sectors (health, military and peace-keeping, private sector, social services) 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 postgraduate course to enter the humanitarian sector.

Admission criteria

To be admitted to our courses, participants need to have:

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a Swiss or foreign university
- At least two years of relevant professional experience
- Excellent command of English. Please see detailed language requirements [here](#).

Special discounts and scholarships

Early bird offer (10% discount) for candidates applying for the MAS before 15 December 2021 (except for scholarship applicants).

Participants working with our partners ICRC and MSF may benefit from a 20% special discount on the tuition fees of Executive Short Courses.

We offer full or partial MAS and DAS scholarships to participants from low- or middle-income countries. Please check if you are eligible before applying. More detailed information about scholarships and funding is available [here](#).

E-learning courses

A majority of our courses are online. They include a combination of asynchronous self-study activities (such as case studies, videos, recorded slideshows, readings, written exercises, quizzes and wikis) and synchronous live sessions and group work.

Live sessions meet via Zoom two to three times a week, in the afternoon (Central European Time), for 2,5 hours.

Online courses will require 20-25 hours of dedicated work per week. We recommend that participants allow at least 50% of their time for the online courses and adapt their professional activity accordingly.

Prerequisites

To be able to fully adapt to our e-learning courses, please make sure you:

- Have access to a good and stable Internet connection
- Download the Zoom application
- Have basic IT skills

To apply to any of the courses, please register on our platform: <https://apply.humanitarianstudies.ch>

More courses are currently developed on topics including advocacy, planetary health, digital innovations, patient safety and accountability.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit [our website](#) to check availability and news.

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 optimise responses to humanitarian crises.

Our programme has been developed in response to the growing need to understand, question and reform today's humanitarian system. 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 organise their studies: **either a 14-month consecutive course, or a flexible 2-3 year course.**

MAS Option I: 14-month consecutive programme

The MAS starts in September 2021 with a "core course", residential term. The rest of the programme continues with online terms and finishes with the handover of the MAS dissertation.

- **Term One:** DAS – residential term in Geneva (September to December)
- **Term Two:** CAS – online (January to April)
- **Term Three:** elective Executive Short Courses – online (April to October)
- **Term Four:** Final MAS Dissertation by the end of October

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

MAS Option II: Flexible programme (up to 38 months)

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

Possible programme combinations can be found [here](#).

Option I: 14-month consecutive programme

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

Duration: 8 September 2022 to 31 October 2023

Format: Blended learning (Term 1 residential in Geneva and Terms 2, 3 and 4 online)

Registration deadline: 31 May 2022 for non-OCDE countries / 30 June 2022 for OCDE countries

Scholarship application deadline: 1 February 2022

Credits: 60 ECTS

Tuition fees: 15,000 CHF

Option II: Flexible up to 38 months

Note: Students can start the programme at various times to suit their needs.

Duration: 2-3 years

Format: Blended learning (residential in Geneva and online)

Registration deadline: 31 May 2022

Credits: 60 ECTS

Tuition fees: 17,000 CHF

Diploma of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action

Residential term in Geneva

This executive Diploma offers professionals a critical understanding of the humanitarian system and response learning from history and various other disciplines and an ability to contextualise humanitarian action in today's world. It explores the role of humanitarianism in the way the world is governed today, and the political economy at play in relationships between States, non-State actors, international organisations, international and local non-governmental organisations and affected populations. Finally, the programme addresses the postcolonial dynamics of past and present humanitarian interventions to identify new avenues for contemporary and future crises.

The Diploma is a **100% residential programme in Geneva**, with intensive face-to-face classes four days a week, workshops and external learning activities (visits and conferences).

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

Structure

The DAS is divided in five modules:

- **M1:** Humanitarianisms
- **M2:** Contexts, Actions and Consequences
- **M3:** Revisiting Vulnerabilities and Needs
- **M4:** Humanitarian Governance, Norms and Principles
- **M5:** The Humanitarians

The Diploma also includes the writing of a final dissertation to be handed over by 31 January 2023.

Duration: 8 September to 12 December 2022

Format: residential in Geneva

Registration deadline: 31 May 2022 for non-OCDE countries / 30 June 2022 for OCDE countries

Scholarship application deadline: 1 February 2022

Credits: 30 ECTS

Tuition fees: 8,000 CHF

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action

Quality Management of Humanitarian Projects

This executive 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.

This programme is **100% online and includes 20 hours of work per week**. We recommend that participants allow at least 50% of their time for the course and adapt their professional activity accordingly.

Some of the modules can be taken as stand-alone, executive short courses (see below).

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

Structure

The CAS is divided in seven modules:

- **M1:** Humanitarian Leadership and People Management
- **M2:** Analysing Humanitarian Contexts
- **M3:** Safety and Security
- **M4:** Assessing Needs and Capacities
- **M5:** Planning Projects and their Monitoring Systems
- **M6:** Programming Resources and Implementing Interventions
- **M7:** Monitoring and Evaluation

Duration: 10 January to 8 April 2022

Format: online

Registration deadline: 28 November 2021

Credits: 10 ECTS

Tuition fees: 5,000 CHF

Executive Short Courses

The below list offers a series of short courses specifically designed to develop relevant skillsets as well as theoretical and practical competencies for the humanitarian sector. The courses will provide participants expertise in assessing methods, tools and approaches used to provide assistance to affected populations in different humanitarian contexts.

The courses are **100% online and include 25 hours of work per week**. We recommend that participants allow at least 50% of their time for the course and adapt their professional activity accordingly.

Humanitarian Leadership and People Management

While critically reviewing the current theories and practices of humanitarian leadership and people management, this course aims to ascertain the leadership capacities of participants and situating their preferred management style. In plenary sessions or peer-works, discussions and exercises will question emotional competencies, authority vs. authoritarianism, stress management and institutional vision. Licensed coaches, humanitarian professionals and psychologists will accompany participants in an approach that considers the human being in each worker.

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

Duration: 10 to 21 January 2022

Format: online

Application deadline: 19 December 2021

Credits: 2 ECTS

Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF

Humanitarian Project Cycle Management / Gestion du cycle d'un projet humanitaire

This course aims to strengthen project managers' capacities 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.

This course is **offered twice a year, once in English and once in French**, in short (3 weeks) or full (5 weeks) versions.

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

Plus d'informations sur le programme en français [ici](#).

Duration (English): 21 February to 11 March 2022 (short version) / 21 February to 25 March 2022 (full version)

Application deadline: 30 January 2022

Durée (français): 30 mai au 17 juin 2022 (version courte) / 30 mai au 1^{er} juillet 2022 (version longue)

Délai d'inscription : 8 mai 2022

Format: online

Credits: 1 ECTS (short version), 2 ECTS (full version)
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Tuition fees: 1000 CHF or 1,500 CHF

A Relationship at Stake: Media and Aid Organisations

The relationship between aid agencies and international/local media is often ambivalent yet vital for public and operational outcomes. This course aims at exploring the theoretical and practical issues and implications of this challenging relationship. The programme analyses the two sides of the interaction: the first part examines public communications by aid agencies in a changing media environment and includes media training for operational purposes. The second part explores the principles of humanitarian journalism and crisis reporting, questioning the media's agenda, the newsworthiness of humanitarian contexts and the impact of media coverage.

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

Duration: 25 April to 6 May 2022

Format: online

Application deadline: 3 April 2022

Credits: 2 ECTS

Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF

Negotiation in Humanitarian Crises

For a long time negotiating in humanitarian operations was felt as compromising on principles and norms. It is only recently that it was found as reinforcing humanitarian impact to consider the interests of all sides and the context in order to make a deal. This course focuses on the design of adapted negotiation strategies in humanitarian settings and 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.

This course is **offered twice a year** in collaboration with the **Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN)**.

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

Duration: 15 to 26 November 2021
Application deadline: 24 October 2021

Duration: 9 to 20 May 2022
Application deadline: 17 April 2022

Format: online
Credits: 2 ECTS
Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF

Sexual and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Crises

This course focuses on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in humanitarian crises, using specific methods and tools. The overall objective of the course is to allow mid-level or senior managers to develop an understanding of sexual and reproductive health issues in emergencies and to provide them with skills to coordinate the implementation of a minimum set of SRH interventions at the onset of an emergency and as integral part of health assistance programmes.

The course is delivered in partnership with the **UN Population Fund (UNFPA)** and the **London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**.

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

Duration: 23 May to 3 June 2022
Format: online
Application deadline: 1 May 2022
Credits: 2 ECTS
Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF

Cash and Voucher Assistance in Humanitarian Crises: What Works?

This course has a dual objective to build students' practical skills to design, implement and monitor projects using Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) and build their critical and reflexive skills on this topic. In recent years, CVA has emerged as a key game-changer in the way humanitarian assistance is implemented, especially as it is becoming a common modality to deliver relief. The use of cash and vouchers is not new, and examples date back to the 19th century. However, CVA has only become mainstream recently. Despite this favourable global environment, 7 out of 10 humanitarian organisations report having difficulties finding staff with this skill set.

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

Duration: 6 to 17 June 2022
Format: online
Application deadline: 15 May 2022
Credits: 2 ECTS
Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF

Health Systems Assessment in Humanitarian Crises

The primary purpose of this course, based on the book published by Professor Blanchet *Applied Systems Thinking for Health Systems Research* is to familiarise participants with a health systems approach to healthcare for communities in low- and middle-income countries affected by humanitarian crises, through practical interactive examples and case studies. The course is taught by experts with humanitarian expertise in low- and middle-income countries during or after humanitarian crises. This is the only course specifically focused on health systems assessment in humanitarian crises and built on the latest available evidence.

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

Duration: 20 June to 1 July 2022
Format: online
Application deadline: 29 May 2022
Credits: 2 ECTS
Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF

Non-Communicable Diseases in Humanitarian Settings

This course focuses on the particular challenges presented by non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in emergencies and the design of adapted and effective projects to address NCDs. Participants will explore the concept of chronicity and main NCDs, identify the context-specific NCD burden and design a programme to address the needs of people with NCDs during a humanitarian emergency.

The course is delivered in partnership with the **Centre for Global Chronic Conditions at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**.

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

Duration: 5 to 16 September 2022

Format: online

Application deadline: 14 August 2022

Credits: 2 ECTS

Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF

Protection of Civilians, from Humanitarian to Peace Operations

This course aims to provide a general introduction to the protection of civilians, with a focus on conflict and post-conflict environments. It provides insight on both theory and practical realities and applies critical thinking on concepts, principles and professional practices most common amongst actors in humanitarian or peace operations. Participants will strengthen their knowledge of the protection agenda and contexts.

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

Duration: 19 to 30 September 2022

Format: online

Application deadline: 28 August 2022

Credits: 2 ECTS

Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF

Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies

The overall objective of this course is to provide humanitarian mid-level and senior managers the knowledge, competencies and skills required to conceive and operationalize a multidisciplinary approach to prevention and response of sexual violence in conflict and emergency settings.

The course is delivered in partnership with the ICRC, MSF, Refugee Law Project, UNHCR, and independent human rights experts.

This course is **offered three times a year, twice online for eight weeks and once as a full residential session in Kampala, Uganda**.

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

Options:

Duration: 29 September to 24 November 2021

Application deadline: 8 September 2021

Duration: 2 March to 27 April 2022

Application deadline: 9 February 2022

Duration: 14 September to 9 November 2022

Application deadline: 24 August 2022

Duration (Uganda): 28 November to 2 December 2022

Application deadline: 30 October 2022

Format: online

Credits: 2 ECTS

Tuition fees: 1,500 CHF (online) / 2,150 CHF (Uganda)

Important information: This catalogue has been finalised in September 2021. For the most up-to-date information about our courses, please refer to our website.