



THE UNIVERSITY  
of NORTH CAROLINA  
at CHAPEL HILL

**HPM 420**

***Community and Public Health Security  
Disasters, Terrorism and Emergency Management Systems***

(No. Credit Hours: 3 )

*Department of Health Policy and Management*

Gillings School of Global Public Health

**Syllabus Spring / 2019**

*Online / SAKAI Course Site*

*Every other Wednesday evenings from 8:00 – 9:30pmEST (ADOBE Connect)*

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**Course Overview**

The course is designed to teach students about local, state and federal systems, including FEMA, CDC and state emergency management systems. The course is divided into four – four week modules and one additional overall cross course module: Module 1 - Local Organizations: First Response, and State Organization: The EOC and the Emergency Management System — Current State of Affairs, Module 2 - National Organization: Homeland Defense, FEMA, Federal Structures and the CDC, and Health Care Response Structures — Hospitals, Public Health and Laboratories, Module 3 - Manmade Disasters — Terrorism, and Natural Disasters, Module 4 – EDGE Leadership and Self-Leadership, and the Cross Course Module: Leadership Analysis: 9/11 After-Action Review and 9/11 Commission Report.

## Learning Objectives and HPM Competencies

	<i>Course Learning Objective</i>	<i>HPM Competencies</i>
1.	Students will learn the same basic vocabulary and perceptions surrounding emergency disasters, regardless of their background.	Analytical Thinking Professionalism
2.	Students will understand federal organizational structures and how they address all hazards emergency preparedness, including: homeland security, FEMA, national plans and strategies.	Political Savvy Professionalism
3.	Students will examine state, regional and local structures that address health care challenges resulting from disasters.	Analytical thinking Accountability
4.	Students will learn how to become leaders who can develop and manage Edge Organizations using EDGE Leadership principles.	Political Savvy Change Management Professionalism Accountability

**Resources:** (e.g., website, text, articles, web sources, other resources, etc.)

Website: HPM 420 has its own website using Sakai software (<http://sakai.unc.edu>)

Text: All readings are included in SAKAI on the course website as either links or PDF attachments.

**Requirements and Expectations:** (e.g., discussion forums, class participation, cell phones and laptops, etc.)

In addition to the one bi-weekly, evening class meetings, students participate in weekly on-line discussion forums. A question or topic relevant to the course material is posted at the start of each module on Wednesday afternoon on the course website under "Forums." Students should use readings from the course and their own experiences in discussing these questions. The purpose of these discussions is to explore what students know about an issue, how to apply that knowledge in various settings, how issues compare and contrast with each other, and how to evaluate selected issues.

Students work in assigned groups for the purpose of completing the Cross Course Module which is an important part of the course. Groups are assigned during orientation. Groups are assigned because we want to make sure each group is diverse in terms of everyone's backgrounds, experience and work disciplines. Each group is responsible for an assigned paper to be submitted to the Cross Course Instructor.

Students are expected to use resources from the library, Internet, and course materials in documenting their work. (Include a list of resources, including websites and the date you visited each site in your final paper.) Projects should integrate concepts from course lectures and readings, and from other academic and professional literature.

Group project grades are based on the following:

- Logical, appropriate, evidence-based conclusions, analyses, and recommendations in the paper
- Effectiveness of group management
- Clearly written paper with topics arranged logically. Well designed tables and figures that convey relevant, important information
- Effective, appropriate application of course materials and other resources

**Evaluation / Grading:** (e.g., grade components, grading scale, exams, evaluation criteria, etc. )

Eight individual assignments are required to be completed, as well as, a semester long group assignment which will be graded as the Final Exam for the course. Class attendance every other week is mandatory, or reviewing the class recording if you have an excused absence, and providing a bulleted summary to the instructor.

Component	% of Grade
Individual Assignments	70
Group Assignment / Final Exam	20
Class Attendance	10

**Norm of Professionalism:** (optional section)

## **Guidelines on Use of Laptops and Other Electronics in Classroom:** (optional section)

### **Recognizing, Valuing, and Encouraging Diversity:**

The importance of diversity is recognized in the mission statement of HPM. In the classroom, diversity *strengthens* the products, *enriches* the learning, and *broadens* the perspectives of all in the class. Diversity requires an atmosphere of inclusion and tolerance, which oftentimes challenges our own closely-held ideas, as well as our personal comfort zones. The results, however, create a sense of community and promote excellence in the learning environment. This class will follow principles of inclusion, respect, tolerance, and acceptance that support the values of diversity.

Diversity includes consideration of: (1) life experiences, including type, variety, uniqueness, duration, personal values, political viewpoints, and intensity; and (2) factors related to “diversity of presence,” including, among others, age, economic circumstances, ethnic identification, family educational attainment, disability, gender, geographic origin, maturity, race, religion, sexual orientation, social position, and veteran status.

### **Disability Accommodation**

UNC-CH supports all reasonable accommodations, including resources and services, for students with disabilities, chronic medical conditions, a temporary disability, or a pregnancy complication resulting in difficulties with accessing learning opportunities.

All accommodations are coordinated through the UNC Office of Accessibility Resources & Services (ARS), <http://accessibility.unc.edu>; phone 919-962-8300 or email [accessibility@unc.edu](mailto:accessibility@unc.edu). Students must document/register their need for accommodations with ARS before any accommodations can be implemented.

### **UNC Honor Code:**

The principles of academic honesty, integrity, and responsible citizenship govern the performance of all academic work and student conduct at the University as they have during the long life of this institution. Your acceptance of enrollment in the University presupposes a commitment to the principles embodied in the Code of Student Conduct and a respect for this most significant Carolina tradition. Your reward is in the practice of these principles.

Your participation in this course comes with the expectation that your work will be completed in full observance of the Honor Code. Academic dishonesty in any form is unacceptable, because any breach in academic integrity, however small, strikes destructively at the University's life and work.

If you have any questions about your responsibility or the responsibility of faculty members under the Honor Code, please consult with someone in either the Office of the Student Attorney General (966-4084) or the Office of the Dean of Students (966-4042).

Read “The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance” (<http://instrument.unc.edu>).

## Course Evaluation:

HPM participates in the UNC-CH's online course evaluation system, enabled at the end of the semester by Scantron Class Climate. Your responses will be anonymous, with feedback provided in the aggregate. Open-ended comments will be shared with instructors, but not identified with individual students. Your participation in course evaluation is an expectation, since providing constructive feedback is a professional obligation. Feedback is critical, moreover, to improving the quality of our courses, as well as for instructor assessment. Graduate School course evaluation links will be sent out at the end of the semester.

## Course Schedule (include with the syllabus)

January 9 – April 30, 2019

HPM 420	<b>Community And Public Health Security-- Disasters, Terrorism, and Emergency Management Systems</b>	<b>Module 1:</b> Local Organizations: First Response State Organizations: The Emergency Management System	4 wks		Bill Gentry <a href="mailto:wgentry@unc.edu">wgentry@unc.edu</a>
		<b>Module 2:</b> National Organization: Homeland Defense, FEMA, Federal Structures and CDC Healthcare Systems in Disasters, SNS	4 wks		Bill Gentry <a href="mailto:wgentry@unc.edu">wgentry@unc.edu</a>
		<b>Module 3:</b> Manmade Disasters: Terrorism Natural Disasters	4 wks		Dewayne West <a href="mailto:sdwestllc@gmail.com">sdwestllc@gmail.com</a>
		<b>Module 4:</b> Leadership	4 wks		Jim Porto <a href="mailto:jporto@unc.edu">jporto@unc.edu</a>
		<b>Cross-Course Project – 9/11 After Action Review/9/11 Commission Report</b>			Randy Egsegian <a href="mailto:EgsegianR@durhamtech.edu">EgsegianR@durhamtech.edu</a> <a href="#">u</a>