

EDMG230

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Course Summary

Course : EDMG230 **Title :** Emergency and Disaster Incident Command

Length of Course : 8

Prerequisites : N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

Description

Course Description: This course is a study of the theory and practice of incident command, the various methods of incident command, and specific focus on the Incident Command System (ICS) used in crises, disasters, and emergency management response systems. The roles and responsibilities of the ICS system are identified. The different agencies and incidents in which the ICS system is used are discussed. Cases are studied in order to assist students in understanding the management and leadership complexity associated with modern emergencies and disasters. The student will complete a final paper that consists of a mock disaster, which encompasses the knowledge they have acquired during the course.

Course Scope:

This course addresses the structure of the incident command and the various functions within each area. Many reports and incidents are covered that arise in the United States as well as the world, which utilizes the ICS system. Students will study and discuss the roles and responsibilities of the ICS system and they are required to submit written work each week, which covers a different agency and incident in which the ICS system is used. The final paper is a mock disaster, which encompasses the knowledge they have acquired during the course and a final exam.

Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

CO-1 Describe the functional areas and list the responsibilities involved within an incident command system.

CO-2 Define various terms and acronyms used by Incident Commanders and Emergency Managers.

CO-3 Recognize and list the concepts of command structure, lines of authority, and the incident command system.

CO-4 Utilize the web to research past events.

CO-5 Describe the incident management used and how that impacted the outcome of the incident and what

changes could have been implemented to reduce the impact of the events on the community and the responders.

CO-6 Identify new challenges in the twenty-first century.

CO-7 Describe the importance of teamwork among individuals & agencies in achieving the success of the operation at risk.

Outline

Week 1: Incident Command System Overview

Learning Outcomes

CO-1

CO-2

Required Readings

Read NIMS Chapter I, NIMS ICS Field Guide, & Disaster Operations and Decision Making Chapter 1.

Assignments

Introduction Forum

Week 1 Forum

Quiz: FEMA ICS

Week 2: Incident Command System Planning Process

Learning Outcomes

CO-4

Required Readings

Read NIMS Appendix A, ICS Tabs 3 & 8.

Assignments

Week 2 Forum

Week 3: Incident Commander

Learning Outcomes

CO-3

Required Readings

Read NIMS Chapter III & NIMS Appendix A, ICS Tabs 1 & 10.

Assignments

Week 3 Forum

Week 3 Written Assignment

Week 4: Unified Command Area Command EOC

Learning Outcomes

CO-5

Required Readings

Read NIMS Chapter III, Appendix B, & Disaster Operations and Decision Making Chapter 7.

Assignments

Week 4 Forum

Week 5: Command Staff

Learning Outcomes

CO-5

Required Readings

Read NIMS Chapter IV & Disaster Operations and Decision Making Chapter 8.

Assignments

Week 5 Forum

Week 6: Operations Section Chief Planning Section Chief

Learning Outcomes

CO-7

Required Readings

Read NIMS Appendix A, ICS Tabs 2, 3, 9, & 10.

Assignments

Week 6 Forum

Week 7: Logistics Section Chief Finance-Administration Section Chief

Learning Outcomes

CO-6

Required Readings

Read NIMS Chapters II & Appendix A, ICS Tabs 4, 5, & 10.

Assignments

Week 7 Forum

Week 8: 21st Century Challenges Final Exam

Learning Outcomes

CO-6

Required Readings

Read NIMS Chapter V

Assignments

Week 8 Forum

Mock Incident Response Plan

Final Exam

Evaluation

Grading:

Name	Grade %
Forums	20.00 %
Week 1 Forum - Introductions	2.50 %
Week 2 Forum	2.50 %
Week 3 Forum	2.50 %
Week 4 Forum	2.50 %
Week 5 Forum	2.50 %
Week 6 Forum	2.50 %
Week 7 Forum	2.50 %
Week 8 Forum	2.50 %
Quiz	10.00 %
Week 1 - FEMA ICS	10.00 %
Writing Assignment	25.00 %
Week 3 Assignment	25.00 %
Mock Incident Assignment	25.00 %
Week 8 Mock Incident Response Plan	25.00 %
Final Exam	20.00 %
Week 8 - Incident Command Final Exam	20.00 %

Materials

Book Title: Informed's NIMS Incident Command System Field Guide, 3rd ed - e-book available in the APUS Online library, link also available in the classroom Lessons section

Author: Ward, Michael

Publication Info:

ISBN: 9781284038408

Book Title: Disaster Operations and Decision Making - e-book available in the APUS Online Library, link also provided in the classroom Lessons section

Author: Huder, Roger

Publication Info: Wiley Lib

ISBN: 9780470927939

Title: National Incident Management System Third Edition

Author: FEMA

Link: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1508151197225-ced8c60378c3936adb92c1a3ee6f6564/FINAL_NIMS_2017.pdf

Title: Disaster Operations and Decision Making

Author: Huder, Roger

ISBN: 9780470927939

available at the APUS library

Other supplemental readings will be assigned, mainly from FEMA and other federal resources freely available online.

Course Guidelines

This course requires a time management plan and the self-discipline to follow it. You are responsible for managing your time, completing assignments on time, completing the readings, and making inquiries as needed to complete the course effectively. This is an 8-week course, which means the material must be learned in a short period of time. This requires dedication and diligence on the part of each student.

Students will follow the American Psychological Association Style Guide (APA 6th Edition) as the sole citation and reference style used in written work submitted as part of this course. Specifically, the parenthetical citations-reference list style method, which includes in-text citations with an adjoining reference list, will be utilized. Additional information concerning this writing style can be found within the APUS Library.

Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. As adults, students, and working professionals, I understand you must manage competing demands on your time. If you find that you need additional time to complete an assignment, please contact me before the due date so we can discuss the situation and determine an acceptable resolution. Routine submission of late assignments is unacceptable and may result in points deducted from your final course grade.

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