What Sets Our Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management Program Apart?

Q: We frequently talk about skills that we expect students in our majors to acquire: critical thinking, communication, research and analysis, organization, and empathy. In addition to these more general skills, are there specific skills that your program offers to prospective students?

A: 
- Emergency response skills
- Emergency center coordination skills
- Incident command leadership skills
- Emergency communication skills
- Complex problem solving skills
- Strategic operations development and evaluations skills
- National, state and local emergency teams response coordination skills
- Critical thinking (in emergency and planning situations)

Q: How does your program give students an advantage in today’s job market?

A: Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management is a relevant and timely major especially with the current and impending threat of universal terrorism, the impact of climate change and natural disasters, and the enhanced need to address issues related to public safety and national security. Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management is an innovative and interdisciplinary degree program that focuses on training students in areas that impact human welfare locally, nationally, and globally. The program has a distinctive emphasis on urban issues and environments and the role that ethics plays in how policies, politics, and practices shape the quality of life for human beings in our state, nation, and world.

Q: What jobs/careers are students in your major best positioned to pursue?

A: 
- Non-profit sector disaster preparedness specialist
- Disaster preparedness coordinator
- Project manager for government-funded disaster contractors (private and non-profit)
- Emergency manager (local, state, federal)
- Homeland security program administrator
- Multi-agency coordination expert
- Environmental emergency management specialist
- Law enforcement field officers
- Civilian coordinator for law enforcement authorities
- Disaster recovery specialist
- Emergency services manager
- Decision support analyst
- Disaster informatics specialist
- Program managers
The College of Humanities & Social Sciences (CHSS) is among the largest of the seven academic colleges within the university and, as the home of the majority of general education courses, we make contact with just about every student who graduates with a Rowan degree. The disciplines included within our College provide a broad foundation of knowledge upon which students can build both professional and personal success.

CHSS has chosen as its icon the compass, acknowledging the fact that we equip students with the critical thinking, research, and communication skills necessary to explore the diverse paths presented by dynamic career and life circumstances. The College motto, “Leading the way to wisdom,” further emphasizes that our disciplines form the core of a liberal arts education.

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**CHSS DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS**

- **English**
  - English (B.A.)
- **Exploratory Studies**
- **Foreign Languages & Literatures**
  - Spanish (B.A.)
  - Modern Languages & Linguistics (B.A.)
- **Geography & Environment**
  - Environmental Studies (B.A.)
  - Geography (B.A.)
  - GIS (B.S.)
  - Planning (B.S.)
- **History**
  - History (B.A. and M.A.)
  - 4+1 Program (M.A./B.A.)
- **Interdisciplinary Studies**
  - Africana Studies (B.A.)
  - American Studies (B.A.)
  - International Studies (B.A.)
  - Liberal Studies: Humanities/Social Science (B.A.)
- **Law & Justice Studies**
  - Law & Justice Studies (B.A.)
  - Criminal Justice (M.A.)
  - 4+1 Program (M.A./B.A.)
- **Philosophy & Religion**
  - Philosophy & Religion Studies (B.A.)
- **Political Science & Economics**
  - Economics (B.A.)
  - Political Science (B.A.)
- **Sociology**
  - Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management (B.A.)
  - Sociology (B.A.)

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**CHSS MINORS AND CONCENTRATIONS**

- African American Studies concentration
- Asian Studies concentration
- Anthropology minor
- Applied Geographic Knowledge and Skills concentration
- Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine concentration
- Economics minor
- English minor
- Environmental Science concentration
- Environmental Studies minor
- Ethics concentration
- French minor
- Geographic Inquiries into Global Issues concentration
- Geography minor
- Geoscience concentration
- German Studies minor
- GIS minor
- History minor
- International Studies concentration
- Law & Justice Studies minor
- Philosophy minor
- Philosophy & Religion Studies (concentration and minor)
- Planning minor
- Political Science minor
- Romance Languages minor
- Sociology minor
- Spanish minor
- Urban Studies concentration
- Women's & Gender Studies concentration

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