MASTER OF SCIENCE
DISASTER SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT

The goal of our distinctly interdisciplinary M.S. program is to create exceptional professionals who advance the understanding and application of disaster-focused science, and who can serve as leaders and stewards of the discipline.

University of Delaware is home to the world-renowned Disaster Research Center, which serves as a focal point for discipline-specific, as well as cross-disciplinary, disaster-related research activities. The faculty and staff working in the center and teaching classes come from various professional and academic backgrounds, allowing our students to benefit from their diverse perspectives.

Our record in disaster research and graduate education serves as an exceptional foundation for the interdisciplinary Disaster Science & Management graduate degree program.

THESIS VS. NON-THESIS

Two master’s degree options are offered in the disaster program – a non-thesis M.S. and an M.S. with thesis. The non-thesis M.S. is considered to be a terminal, professional degree. Students interested in research or continuing for a Ph.D. should consider the thesis option, as it is intended for students more focused on an academic career.

CAREERS AND FURTHER EDUCATION

Graduates of the Disaster Science & Management program have many different career paths in this emerging field. Some become academics and researchers after going on to doctoral study, while others find placement in local, national, and international disaster and emergency management organizations.