



# Crisis and Disaster Management

Exchange programme Enschede



## Despite mitigation and prevention efforts

to prevent crises and disasters, these situations still can occur. In our semester, we will discuss the core principles of crisis and disaster management in the public and private sector.

Crisis and emergency management not only comprises all activities carried out to combat a crisis, including saving lives and minimising damage to property, it also encompasses activities and measures taken in advance to ensure an effective response, such as improving emergency capabilities by developing a contingency plan or through response training. This course focuses on activities related to preparing for and providing assistance or intervention immediately before, during or after a crisis or an emergency situation.

The course also focuses on both the public and private sector as public and private actors will need to work together to undertake effective action. If, for example, there is a fire at a hazardous plant that releases a toxic cloud, the area may need to be evacuated. In the Netherlands, the police will then be responsible for traffic management, while the mayor of the town where the incident occurs will have overall responsibility. The company owning the hazardous plant, however, is responsible for the safety of its employees on the site and for mitigating any potential risks created by the plant. Emergency management inherently involves multiple agencies and requires horizontal as well as vertical



## General

School of Governance,  
Law & Urban Development

Exchange semester for students of partner universities (Short Course for other participants)

Start: February

## Assignment

### Cooperation with professionals

During the course students will work together with professionals from the field to analyse hazards, exposure and vulnerabilities and to discuss about the preparation and response measures.

You will also be working on a group assignment on an emergency management topic of your choice.

The assignment will be supervised by teachers of Saxion University.

coordination, with public and private actors making sure that they have their preparation and response plans arranged adequately.

### Course subjects

In this semester, we mainly focus on the preparation phase, including planning and training and on the response phase. These phases are discussed from different perspectives including:

- a legal perspective, focussing on the legal requirements;
- an organizational perspective, focusing on the way emergency response activities can be organized;
- a strategic perspective, focusing on the strategic choices that should be made during emergency preparation and response;
- an operational perspective focusing on the actual emergency management organization and the command and control structures during emergencies.

### Modules

During the course, you will learn all about emergency management. We will use the Dutch method of managing emergencies as a starting point, but also reflect on these practices from an international perspective.

Four modules will be offered during the course:

- Safety&SecurityLAB;
- Crisis management;
- Safety perception, risk and crisis communication;
- Design of crisis management exercises

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The course (30 ECs) is part of the Bachelor's degree in Applied Safety and Security Studies and will be taught in English. The aim of the course is to provide an insight into crisis and emergency management on a strategic and tactical level. The course is therefore less suitable for students who would like to know more about operational emergency management, such as firefighting.

### How to apply?

Make sure that your home university nominates you for the Saxion semester.

After acceptance by Saxion, we will inform you about the:

Practicalities via [international.brr@saxion.nl](mailto:international.brr@saxion.nl)

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### More information

For more information about the crisis and disaster management programme, please contact Volker Stillig, Course Coordinator, [v.stillig@saxion.nl](mailto:v.stillig@saxion.nl)

### Would you like to apply?

Start your application procedure at [saxion.edu/application-form](https://saxion.edu/application-form).

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