

Disaster Law & Emergency Preparedness (LAW 913E)

Climate change is increasing both the frequency and severity of natural disasters. Are we prepared? Disasters have significant human, social, economic, and environmental impacts, and require close collaboration among local, state, and federal officials. Often there are international implications as well. Using real-life case studies -- including Hurricane Katrina, 9/11, and the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident -- students will explore legal and policy tools for reducing vulnerability, enhancing emergency preparedness and response, and increasing environmental protection. Global perspectives on disasters will be included. Grades will be based in part on participation in a real-time disaster preparedness simulation.

1 credit hour.

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