



INTL 271: Environmental Disaster and Response with Mennonite Disaster Service

This course will be an immersive, community engaged learning course that takes place in May Term 2022 and focuses on the direct environmental disaster impacts on a local community, with an emphasis on social inequalities and the resources, relief, and response available to communities post disaster. This interdisciplinary course builds upon social policy, climate change, inequalities, and disaster management scholarship, with clear community service and action-research opportunities and expectations built into the course.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Does this course require traveling?** *Yes. The exact location will be determined closer to May Term 2022 but it will be in the United States or Puerto Rico.*
- 2. Does this course require knowledge of construction?** *No, it does not require construction knowledge but you need to be physically able to do repair and clean-up work for around 8 hours per day.*
- 3. What is the schedule?** *We will be serving for two weeks on a site and visiting with community members evenings and weekends. The last four days will be spent at a retreat working on your final projects. We will live in communal housing and food will be prepared for us; there will be few choices of food options. Travel time will depend on our service location.*
- 4. Does this cost extra money?** *Additional costs have yet to be determined, and are expected to be no more than \$300-\$400; additional costs will depend on MDS service location in order to offset travel costs. If you are a commuter or non-residential student, additional room and board costs will be added to your tuition.*

Mennonite Disaster Service is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. While the main focus is on clean up, repair, and rebuilding homes, this service touches lives and nurtures hope, faith and wholeness.