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Management in Humanitarian Assistance

5.0 credits

30.0 h

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Teacher(s) :	Gourbin Catherine (coordinator) ; Weuts Jan ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	Introduction: history and definitions of the humanitarian aid; institutional context; actors; new management issues. Definitions and specificities of international humanitarian aid management Strategic management (role of the vision; of the ethics; of the organizations; of the structure; of the recipients and of the leadership) Decision-making process Specific tools to international humanitarian aid management (logical frame; SPHERE) Issues, systems, processes and specific tools to the various fields of management (marketing; human resources; finances; logistics; communication)
Aims :	The objective of the course is first to prepare future professionals who would be brought to work within the framework of the international humanitarian aid. It also aims at presenting an introduction to the management applied to this particular context such as its principal tools, methods and its principles. Among the many fields of management (finances, human resources), the strategy and the tools will be the subject of a thorough study. Throughout the course, we will stress on the importance to put into perspective the actions of humanitarian aid in their context. In order to take into account what is specifically geostrategically, ethically, socially, religiously and operationally at stake. The consequences (personal, intercultural, economical, political) of the humanitarian interventions will be analyzed as well as the central place which they must occupy in the decision-making proc-ess. Lastly, the operational and technical processes generally used at the time of interventions will be analyzed from a theoretical and practical point of view. In addition, the secondary objectives of the course are the following ones: - to develop the critical approach, the analytical skills as well as the communication skills of the students; Insist on the ethical dimension and the vision in which the humanitarian action is engraved. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Content :	Lecture; setting in situation; case studies; article reading; talks given by a range of actors coming from the world of the humanitarian aid; working groups and oral presentation of the results.
Other infos :	Written examination; working group Syllabus NOHA : " Management in Humanitarian Assistance
Cycle and year of study :	> Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations
Faculty or entity in charge:	PSAD