



Emergency Management Institute - Independent Study Courses for Hurricane Season

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is part of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). EMI provides national leadership in developing and delivering training to ensure that individuals and organizations that have key emergency management responsibilities have the tools to effectively do their jobs.

FEMA coordinates the Federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to recovering from, and mitigating against all domestic disasters whether natural or manmade, including acts of terror.

EMI's Distance Learning Branch offers a free Independent Study Program (ISP) to train the nation's emergency management network and to help educate the general public. The ISP serves as an alternative means to deliver valuable training to professionals and to the volunteer emergency management community. The Program helps to improve public awareness and to promote disaster preparedness to the public. The ISP offers more than 100 training courses, including courses on preparedness for hurricanes and other disasters.

The public can access courses for Fiscal Year 2013 for free by clicking on the IS course list: www.training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.aspx.

Go to <http://www.ready.gov/> to learn more about preparing for hurricanes and other disasters.

IS-324.A Community Hurricane Preparedness

This course provides basic information to people involved in the decision making process for hurricane preparedness about how hurricanes form; the hazards they pose, how the National Weather Service forecasts future hurricane behavior; and what tools and guiding principles can help emergency managers prepare their communities.

IS-366 Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters

The course enables participants to improve their community's mitigation and Emergency Operations Plan regarding the needs of children before, during and after a disaster.

IS-271.A Anticipating Hazardous Weather and Community Risk for Emergency Managers

This course helps emergency managers anticipate and prepare for hazardous weather by helping officials to recognize potentially hazardous weather and flooding situations and how it may affect communities; familiarize emergency managers with National Weather Service (NWS) products to understand how to use and interpret forecasts, and to encourage the development of a partnership with the NWS before threats occur.

IS-22 Are You Ready? An In-Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness

The course is designed to help citizens learn how to protect themselves and their families against all types of hazards. It can be used as a reference or as a step-by-step-basic preparedness manual for how to develop, practice, and maintain emergency plans to learn what must be done before, during, and after a disaster.

IS-10.A Animals in Disaster: Module A. Awareness and Preparedness

This course is intended to increase awareness and preparedness among animal owners and care providers, to describe how typical hazards affect animals, and how to reduce the impact of disasters.

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IS-11.A Animals in Disaster: Module B. Community Planning

The course teaches how to develop a community plan for managing animals in an emergency, identify hazards and threats most likely to affect your community and how to use the Incident Command System for an incident involving animals to help communities recover from disasters.

IS-288 The Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management

The course will educate the reader about the vital role that voluntary agencies play as key partners in providing disaster relief services throughout the entire emergency management cycle: from mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

IS-244.B Developing and Managing Volunteers

The course is designed for emergency managers and related professionals working with all types of volunteers and coordinating with volunteer agencies and focuses on benefits and challenges of working with volunteers; building a volunteer program; coordinating with voluntary agencies, community-based organizations, and other topics.

IS-111.A Livestock in Disasters

The course combines the knowledge of livestock producers and emergency managers to present a unified approach to mitigate the impact of disasters on animal agriculture, to determine a farm's susceptibility to hazards, to identify actions to reduce economic losses, and human and animal suffering in disasters.

IS-909 Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone

Community members are the keys to our nation's preparedness and resilience. This course presents a model program for community preparedness. It includes 16 preparedness modules ranging from 20 to 90 minutes that can be delivered to community groups in English and in Spanish.

IS-247.A Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for Public Safety Officials

This course provides basic information on IPAWS. It will provide authorized public safety officials with increased awareness of the benefits of using IPAWS for public warnings, such as how to develop more effective warning messages.

IS-546.A Continuity of Operations Awareness

This course introduces students to the concept of continuity planning. The course provides a brief overview of continuity, including its definition, the legal basis for continuity planning, the Continuity Program Management Cycle, and essential elements of a viable continuity program.

Although this course directly addresses continuity requirements for Federal Executive branch organizations, the course is also useful to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments.

IS-318 Mitigation Planning for Local and Tribal Communities

This course is for plan-writers and reviewers and will assist participants in undertaking the hazard mitigation development process. It will also help Federal and state planning reviewers interpret the regulations to inform the review of local or tribal hazard mitigation plans.

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