EMSP 1391 Special Topics: Mass Disaster Response Course Syllabus

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Course Title: EMSP 1391 Special Topics: Mass Disaster Response

Course Number and Section: EMSP 1391-21219

Semester and Year: Fall 2015

Class Meeting Format: Class sessions will be conducted using lecture, lab, group projects, quizzes and exam reviews, and field experiences. Classes will follow B shift schedule and meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Catalogue Description: This course is designed to provide lectures and discussions to prepare EMS professionals for the first response to nuclear, biological, or chemical terrorist attack. Topics discussed are nuclear, biological, and chemical agents, their dissemination, triage and treatment of mass casualty terrorist attacks. This course provides (2 Lecture, 2 Lab).

Prerequisite: Completion of EMT course equivalent to EMSP 1501.
Suggested – SCIT 1407 and SCIT 1408 Human Anatomy I and II.

Required Materials for Course: Required textbooks, with their ISBN numbers, and additional requirements are attached.

Computer/Internet Policy: Students will be required to use eCampus to retrieve class Announcements, Course Information, Course Documents, Chapter Outlines, Assignments, take Quizzes, and track their grades. Each student is required to have computer/internet access. If the student does not have personal computer/internet access, computer labs are available at Brookhaven College and public libraries.
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Evaluation Procedure: The Mass Disaster Response Course utilizes a combination of class attendance, assignments, a research paper consisting of a multi-page report and class presentation, and comprehensive final exam for didactic knowledge competence.

Class Attendance: EMSP 1391 has EIGHT class meetings. 100% Attendance is MANDATORY.

Failure to attend class/activities, will result in an “F” for EMSP 1391 REGARDLESS of the numerical grade of other grading components

This grade average will be 10% of the calculation used to obtain the final course letter grade.

Assignments: There are several online and in-class assignments required during this course.

There will be a 100 point deduction for exceeding the time limit set.

This grade will be 20% of the calculation used to obtain the final course letter grade.

Final Project: Research Paper and Presentation: The student will be required to research a Mass Casualty event of their personal interest, cite reference sources, and compile information in a 5-10 TYPED page paper in APA format and present it to the class. A Power Point presentation is required to supplement the presentation and use of multimedia is strongly recommended.

The paper is required to have:
1. Cover page with:
   a. Student’s name
   b. Course Number and Section
   c. Event Title
2. Content: Example:
   a. Events leading up to the Incident
   b. Significant numbers (number of apparatus, number of responders, etc.)
   c. After-action report (what significance did the event evoke)
3. References

NOTE: The DCCCD Code of Student Conduct defines “Plagiarism, as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift or obtaining by any means another’s work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one’s own written work.”

ANY violation of the Code of Student Conduct, specifically plagiarism, may result in expulsion, suspension, loss of credit, or further appropriate action prescribed by Board policies.

The Final Project will be 20% of the calculation used to obtain the final course letter grade.

A late Research Project will result in an “F” REGARDLESS of the numerical grade of other grading components.

Exams: There will be one final exam in this course. This exam will taken in the classroom or Testing Center on or before the final day of the course.

The final exam will assess course content. A minimum grade of 70% is recommended on the final exam in order to successfully complete EMSP 1391.
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The Course Content Final Exam will be 50% of the calculation used to obtain the final course letter grade.

There will be a 10 point deduction for each minute exceeding the time limit set

Retesting Opportunities:
There are no retesting opportunities on the course content final exam.

Grading:

The course letter grade will be computed as follows:

\[ \text{PERCENTAGE} \]

- Class Attendance: 10%
- Assignments Average: 20%
- Research Project: 20%
- Course Content Final Exam: 50%

A minimum of 70 overall average is needed to receive a “C” for EMSP 1391.

Grades are not rounded.

**Example: Student A**

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<tr>
<th>Class Attendance:</th>
<th>100 x 10% = 10</th>
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<tr>
<td>Assignments Average:</td>
<td>91 x 20% = 18.2</td>
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<td>Final Project:</td>
<td>90 x 20% = 18</td>
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<td>Course Content Final Exam:</td>
<td>90 x 50% = 45</td>
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<td><strong>Course Average:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Letter Grade:</strong></td>
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Exam Review:
Faculty will review the exam afterward. Please make arrangements to attend. Reviews are an integral part of the learning experience. The review will last no longer than 1 to 1.5 hours and Faculty will announce date and time.

There will be NO note taking, cellular telephones or any form of recording device present during exam review.

Students choosing to challenge exam questions/answers will be provided paper and writing utensil during the review and allowed to state only facts to support their position. No reference materials will be allowed. Faculty will then collect student’s position statement, review them and respond at a later date.

Grading Criteria and Requirements:

Letter grade values for the EMS Program are as follows:

- A letter grade of A for a score range of 90.00% to 100%
- A letter grade of B for a score range of 80.00% to 89.99%
- A letter grade of C for a score range of 70.00% to 79.99%
- A letter grade of D for a score range of 60.00% to 69.99%
- A letter grade of F will be awarded for a score less than 60.00%

The entire grading system and methods for the EMS Program can be found in the above section Evaluation Procedures.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Grade reports are no longer mailed. Convenient access is available online through eCampus or eConnect at [https://econnect.dcccd.edu/](https://econnect.dcccd.edu/).
Course/classroom Policies: Timeliness, psychomotor abilities, interaction with peers and the public, dress code, grooming, and other behaviors which are consistent with the public’s expectation of an emergency services public servant are all considered as valid measurements towards the successful completion of EMSP 1391. For more specific details on these course policies refer to the EMS Program Student Handbook.

Dress Code Policy: For currently enrolled BHC students, a pressed, tucked in BHC uniform polo shirt, BHC uniform pants, black belt, polished, black shoes/boots during class/lab/field trips. Only BHC-logo caps may be worn.

For returning students/degree seekers, wear clean, employer (EMS agency/FD) uniform pants/shirts/boots/belt. Employer logo caps may be worn. If the student is not currently employed by an EMS/FD agency, then the student will comply with the “currently enrolled” standard.

Failure to comply with the dress code will result in the student being sent to change clothes, which may result in time missed in class, which may result in being dropped from class. The reason for the dress code is to be consistent with the public’s expectations of an emergency services public servant.

Attendance: Attendance is MANDATORY. Each student is required to complete classroom/skills lab hours. Excused absence versus un-excused absence designation will be left to the discretion of the instructor. At any point during EMSP 1391 the student is absent, the student will be dropped from the course and given a “W” if prior to the Withdraw Deadline. If past the Withdraw Deadline, an “F” will be recorded as well as Grade “N” if applicable.

Students who will be absent from class for the observance of a religious holiday will be allowed to makeup assignments IF the Instructor is notified in advance and NO LATER than the end of the first day of the course. For more specific details on this course policy refer to the EMS Program Student Handbook.

Tardiness is defined as arriving at the designated class meeting location after 15 minutes from the designated start time. Students will be allowed one tardiness event for the duration of EMSP 1391. At any point afterward during EMSP 1391 the student is tardy, the student will be dropped from the course and given a “W” if prior to the Withdraw Deadline. If past the Withdraw Deadline, an “F” will be recorded.

Withdrawal Policy: It is the student’s responsibility to formally drop this course if he/she is unable to attend or complete the course. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar’s Office by the below listed drop date. Failure to do so will result in the student receiving a performance grade of “F.” If at any time the student wishes to drop this course, withdraw from the EMSP Program, or withdraw from the College, the student must initiate the action. If dropped by the drop date, a “W” (Withdraw) will be recorded.

For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions. Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a “W”. Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops

Drop Date: To receive a “W” for this course, the Drop Date is: December 4, 2015
Financial Aid: Students who are receiving any form of financial aid should check with the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy.

Repeating this course: Effective Fall 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. All third and subsequent attempts will result in additional tuition to be charged.

ADA Statement: If you are a student with a disability and/or special needs who requires accommodations, please contact the college Disability Support Services Office.

Religious Holidays: Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused. A student whose absence is excused to observe a holy day is allowed to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

Academic Ethics: Any form of disruptive behavior or scholastic dishonesty, such as cheating, medication or substance abuse, disruptive behavior, any weapon possession on the college premises or at college-sponsored activities, inappropriate or unprofessional behavior inconsistent with the professional EMS provider, drinking alcoholic beverages or “partying” while wearing the BHC EMS Program uniform, intentional damage of any equipment or premises, as defined in the Student Code of Conduct, will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion, suspension, loss of credit, or further appropriate action prescribed by Board policies.

College Policies: The entire Brookhaven College Student Code of Conduct is online at https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/ss/code.cfm?loc=BHC. These policies provide the guidelines for the educational environment and student conduct and discipline. Additional EMSP-specific policies can be found on the EMS Program Student Handbook.

FERPA Statement: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. To protect the rights of students and graduates, Brookhaven College releases restricted information to other persons or agencies only as provided by FERPA. A student may choose not to have information released by providing written notice to the college to protect it from disclosure. This notice is available at the Admissions/Registrar's Office upon request. Additional information about FERPA can be found at https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/about/privacy.cfm?loc=BHC

Student Services Web Site: http://www.brookhavencollege.edu/studentsvcs/

Additional Certifications: Additional certifications are required in EMSP 1391 through online and in-class assignments by outside agencies when the student completes these courses. No external costs are anticipated.

Food and Drink Policy: Students are allowed to eat and/or drink in the classroom. Trash pickup and disposal in the classroom/lab rooms is required afterwards. Each student should show responsibility in disposing of their trash appropriately. The Instructor reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of the Food and Drink Policy as circumstances dictate.

Handheld Devices Policy: Please turn OFF all pagers and cell phones during class/lab. Texting during class or any device ringing/vibrating/flashing during class/lab will result in 2 points being deducted from the course grade for the 1st occurrence, 5 more points for the 2nd occurrence, and 10 more points for the 3rd occurrence and so on. Laptop usage is not allowed during lecture or lab time. Time will be allowed for texting, phone calls, & laptop use during lunch breaks and lecture breaks.
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Course Outline & Schedule: See attached Course Schedule

Instructor’s Rights: The Instructor reserves the right to add to, delete, or revise any component of the course or syllabus as circumstances dictate.

SCANS Competencies: The Secretary’s Commission on Achieving Necessary skills (SCANS) was appointed by the Secretary of Labor to determine the skills people need to succeed in the world of work. Brookhaven College is determined to prepare you with the knowledge and skills you need to succeed in today’s dynamic work environment. Towards this goal, these workplace competencies and foundation skills have been designed into the curriculum of this course.

Description of SCANS competencies as follows:
1. Basic skills
2. Thinking Skills
3. Personal qualities
4. Resources
5. Interpersonal skills
6. Information
7. Systems
8. Technology

Course Learning Outcomes: ADOPTED FROM NHTSA DOT PARAMEDIC CURRICULUM 1998
1  Mass Casualty Incident Response
   At the completion of this unit, the EMS student will be able to integrate the principles of general incident management and multiple casualty incident (MCI) management techniques in order to function effectively at major incidents.

2  Hazardous Materials Incident Response
   At the completion of this unit, the EMS student will be able to evaluate hazardous materials emergencies, call for appropriate resources, and work in the cold zone.

3  Weapons of Mass Destruction Response
   At the completion of this unit, the EMS student will be able to evaluate weapons of mass destruction emergencies, call for appropriate resources, and work in the cold zone.
Student Acknowledgement

Please read and sign this page and turn it in to your instructor.

I have read the course syllabus and understand what is required of me in this course. I have had the opportunity to ask the instructor questions about the syllabus.

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PRINT Student Name                                          Date

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Sign Student Name