

MS IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

DEGREE PLAN

Program Start: Fall 2026



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This degree plan is for students beginning the MS in Humanitarian Action (MSHA) program in the Fall 2026 term. This plan assumes that students will complete their degree in five consecutive semesters and do not take a leave of absence from their program. Taking a leave of absence will change the degree plan and delay the anticipated program completion.

Term	Course		Course Name	Units	Start Date	End Date
Fall 2026	MSHA 500	Orientation	New Student Orientation	0	Upon Registration	08/28/2026
Fall 2026	MSHA 500	Foundational	Foundations: Peace, Justice and Social Change	3	09/01/2026	10/19/2026
Fall 2026	MSHA 501	Foundational	Foundations of Humanitarian Action	3	10/20/2026	12/07/2026
Spring 2027	MSHA 520	Core	Disaster Management and Prevention	3	01/05/2027	02/22/2027
Spring 2027	MSHA 530	Core	Humanitarian Negotiation and Mediation	3	02/23/2027	04/12/2027
Summer 2027	MSHA 540	Core	Displacement, Climate and Humanitarian Action	3	05/04/2027	06/21/2027
Summer 2027	MSHA 550	Core	Humanitarian Safety and Security	3	06/22/2027	08/09/2027
Fall 2027	MSHA 513	Core	Program Design, Monitoring and Evaluation	3	08/31/2027	10/18/2027
Fall 2027	MSHA 590	Core	Data Visualization and Analytics for Humanitarian Action	3	10/19/2027	12/6/2027
Spring 2028	MSHA 595	Final Core	Logistics for Humanitarian Relief	3	TBA	TBA
Spring 2028	MSHA 599	Capstone	Humanitarian Crisis Simulation	3	TBA	TBA

FALL 2026 IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Opens	06/29/2026
Registration Deadline	08/14/2026
Financial Aid Requirements Due	08/14/2026
Last Day to Drop Any Course with a Full Refund	08/31/2026
Payment Due Date	09/01/2026
Semester Begins	09/01/2026
First Course Start Date	09/01/2026
Last Day to Drop Any Course with 95% Refund/Drop Deadline	09/04/2026
First Course End Date	10/19/2026
Second Course Start Date	10/20/2026
Last Day to Withdraw from Course B	11/16/2026
Second Course End Date	12/07/2026
Semester Ends	12/07/2026

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