



GUQ Introduces Executive Master's Degree Tailored For The GCC Region

Georgetown University's School of Continuing Studies announces a new executive master's degree program designed to meet the needs of emergency and disaster management professionals in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. Endorsed by the GCC Emergency Management Center, the degree is the first of its kind in the region, and specifically caters to the unique challenges and potential man-made and environmental emergencies that may affect GCC countries.

Dr. Adnan Al Tamimi, chairman of the GCC Emergency Management Center said, "We are very delighted that Georgetown University has been able to design this program with a GCC focus. This program aligns with the GCC EMC's primary goals of enhancing regional risk management capacity through improved information management and exchange, supporting coordinated regional response and promoting regional integration and interoperability."

The Executive Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management will prepare students to effectively mitigate the impact of potential threats and manage response efforts across the GCC member states.

Through a mix of learning methods, including a series of on-site intensives in Doha, Muscat, and Washington, D.C., the degree will develop the students' strategic understanding of emergency management. The coursework includes critical thinking exercises, hands-on practice, and engagement with some of the world's top industry experts and organizations.

"This degree is an opportunity for professionals working in the emergency and disaster management field to develop their skills with a qualification that is the first of its kind," said Dr. Tim Frazier, Faculty Director at Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies. "Tailored courses and a focus on regional collaboration will prepare students for the unique challenges that come with responding to hazards and emergencies in the GCC."



During the year-long course, participants will learn how to prepare for and respond to natural and technological hazards and disasters, man-made threats, public health risks and humanitarian crises. Students will be equipped to deal with a range of issues, from cyber-attacks to infectious disease outbreaks, while working effectively under pressure and with partners in neighboring GCC countries.

The technical, legal, and ethical aspects of emergency and disaster management will also be discussed, and students will be challenged to examine current systems and suggest innovative alternatives to better prepare for future threats.

Interested professionals are invited to attend an information session at 7:00 pm on Sunday August 28th at the Four Seasons Hotel Doha, where they can learn more about the degree and application requirements. More information is also available at

<https://cee.georgetown.edu/edm3>

Georgetown University Established in 1789, Georgetown University is one of the world's leading academic and research institutions providing students with a superb learning experience focused on educating the whole person through engagement with different faiths, cultures and beliefs, to prepare the next generation of global citizens ready to make a positive impact on our world.

School of Continuing Studies: The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies (SCS) fulfills the university's educational mission by offering a wide range of degree programs and applied learning experiences to a broad and inclusive community of students and professionals. The educational programs found within Georgetown SCS combine theory with practice through rigorous curricula led by experts in their fields, providing opportunities for students to excel academically and professionally. In keeping with Georgetown's heritage and values, SCS educates women and men to be self-reflective, critical thinkers who are committed to serve in greater society.



About the GCC Emergency Management Center: Established in 2011 by agreement of the six governments of the GCC, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Sultanate of Oman, the State of Qatar and the State of Kuwait – The GCC Emergency Management Center (GCC EMC) started operations in the State of Kuwait on December 2014. The GCC EMC endeavors to enhance the capacity for regional risk management, and works toward improving information management and exchange in order to support regional incident response through coordination and management of resources, and promoting regional integration and interoperability by establishing common systems, processes, and standardized platforms for response.

The GCC EMC vision is to create excellence in regional cooperation and coordination in emergency management. The center’s mission is to strengthen the capacities and efforts of the GCC countries through joint cooperation in the emergency management field. To further this mission, the EMC supports the Georgetown University Executive Master's Degree in Emergency & Disaster Management to promote the educational development of Gulf candidates to be academically qualified in the area of emergency management to enrich and increase the specialists in this field in the GCC area.