This course explores operational ways of addressing child protection concerns in natural disaster and war. It examines child protection from both a reduction of physical risk and a promotion of developmental well-being perspectives. Students will develop a practical understanding of effective interventions for preventing and responding to specific child protection concerns, including child-family separations; child recruitment and use as armed combatants; and sexual violence, abuse and psychosocial survival. Students will explore systemic approaches to promoting a "protective environment" for children in emergencies and post conflict-reintegration transitions. Students will review strategies for incorporating critical elements of child protection into broader humanitarian response operations; coordination among humanitarian agencies; evidence-based programming; community participation in child protection; and advocacy and policy change.

Credits: 1.5
Usual pre-requisites: 1.5
Department requirement for:
Certificate elective for: