

Discussion Group Tasks

- Task No. 1: Learning Expectations
(Select Three)
- Task No. 2: Course Objectives
(Select Two)
- Time Limit: 5 minutes

Social Dimensions of Disaster

General Objectives

- **Skill in applying sociological principles and research methodology to the practice of emergency management**
- **Introduction to the current research pertaining to sociological aspects of disaster**
- **Understanding of how social science research can be used as a basis for modifying public policy related to emergency management**

Social Dimensions of Disaster

Objectives: Emergency Management

- **All-hazard emergency management: Functions and structures**
- **Effective disaster warning systems: Theoretical principles and implementations**
- **Disaster myths vs. documented behavior**
- **Risk communication: Key social factors**
- **Future trends**

Social Dimensions of Disaster

Objectives: Liberal Arts

- **Communication capacity: Oral and written**
- **Skill in critical analysis**
- **General critical thinking abilities**
- **Awareness of opportunities for citizen participation: volunteer, private sector, emergency management**
- **Awareness of cultural values and diversity**

Two Cultures: Research vs. Practice

Criterion	Researcher	Practitioner
Goal	Theory construction and testing	Solve real world problems
Constituency	Other researchers around the world	Citizens in local community
Time horizon	Long-term	Short-term
Generalization	Disaster and other social phenomena	Immediate application to local context