International Field Experience- ’17 Spring Cohort

For one week, students and practitioners from the Portland area had the opportunity to embark on a journey to local communities in Tohoku, Japan. There, they were able to learn from survivors, businessmen and intellectuals of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. Come listen our students talk about their experiences and stories from their trip to the disaster stricken areas of Iwaki, Sendai, Rikuzentakata, and Ishinomaki.

Course Description

This course focuses on issues related to emergency/disaster management, disaster preparedness, and community redevelopment and resilience. For that purpose, the main part of this course will be a mandatory trip to visit the disaster-stricken areas in the Tohoku region, Japan where the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami happened in March 2011.

For more information: pdx.edu/cps/icdr-field-experience

About the Initiative for Community and Disaster Resilience (ICDR)

ICDR is an interdisciplinary initiative using collaborative efforts to focus on research, educational outreach and community enlightenment. ICDR is designed to emphasis ‘soft’ social science and policy perspectives when approaching issues relating to natural disasters, while other emergency management research centers in the U.S. primarily focus on the ‘hard science’ aspect.

Alongside the Economics Department, the Center for Public Service works to; 1) enhance disaster awareness, 2) host experts to share their experiences, 3) empower local communities by providing policy and economic analysis and, 4) help communities better prepare for possible natural disasters.

Together with students, scholars, practitioners, and community members, ICDR serves as a hub to work on issues related to emergency management and preparedness and community resilience from natural disasters.