New Course on Disaster Community Resilience
PA/EC 410/510: International Field Trip (Spring 2017)
- Learn from Japan’s Earthquake and Tsunami Crisis -

About the Course:

The course offers graduate and undergraduate students as well as practitioners an opportunity to learn about emergency and disaster management, disaster preparedness, and community redevelopment and resilience, through a 10-day field trip to the Northwest (Tohoku) region of Japan where recovery efforts continue to this day from the earthquake and tsunami crisis back in March 2011.

While in Japan, participants will 1) gain in-depth knowledge from academic professionals at Tohoku University in a 3-day session, 2) interact with public officials, nonprofits, and community organizations of Rikuzenakata City, and 3) engage in dialogue with locals to capture the forgotten stories of struggle and hope in the aftermath of the crisis.

Combined with pre- and post-trip sessions in Portland, this course will raise awareness of the risks that we face, and foster the next generation of leaders in building resilient communities around the region.

SAVE THE DATE:
Disaster Community Resilience Institute Speaker Series
Friday, September 16, 2016
11:00am–1:30pm Location TBD

Guest Speaker: Jay Wilson

Jay Wilson is the Resilience Coordinator at Clackamas County Department of Emergency Management, Chair of the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC), as well as a Disaster Resilience Fellow with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Mr. Wilson has participated as local emergency management practitioner on EERI Government and Societal impacts reconnaissance team for Tohoku, Japan Tsunami disaster. He has provided invited testimony to the US House Science Committee on the development of the 2006 Tsunami Warning and Education Act. He authored an OEM After-Action Report for June 14, 2005 tsunami warning along US West Coast.

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