



UP Open University • Faculty of Management and Development Studies

MASTER OF CLIMATE AND DISASTER RESILIENCE

The Master of Climate and Disaster Resilience (MCDR) with an exit program in Graduate Certificate in Climate and Disaster Resilience (GCCDR) was instituted to address an urgent need to produce professionals who can strengthen the coherence and synergy between climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) as climate change intensifies the frequency, scale, and complexity of disasters. Offered by the UP Open University in collaboration with UP Resilience Institute, the program is designed to cater to a wide range of professionals, including practitioners, administrators, planners, and educators, as well as those working in non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs), and others involved in DRRM and CCAM.

The MCDR program includes two course tracks: the Strategic Practice Track and the Community Resilience and Empowerment Track; both tracks are included in the program, taken after the second semester of coursework. For students unable to complete the full master's program due to unforeseen circumstances, they will have the option to earn the Graduate Certificate in Climate and Disaster Resilience (GCCDR) degree if they exit the program after completing 15 units of coursework, consisting of three (3) core courses and two (2) elective courses. The Master's degree will be awarded to a student who completes 34 units of specified coursework with a general weighted average of 2.0 or better.

Program Goals

The MCDR program aims to develop graduates who are able to:

- Assess key concepts and principles of integrated and interdisciplinary approaches in climate and disaster resilience to develop comprehensive, evidence-based strategies for risk reduction and adaptation;
- Evaluate the interrelationships among the different factors that shape disaster risk and climate resilience using systems thinking;
- Apply transformative leadership, effective communication, and collaborative problem-solving skills to drive the development and implementation of equitable and context-specific climate and disaster resilience strategies;
- Design resilience strategies based on evaluations of climate-related and disaster risks from a holistic perspective, integrating a broad range of multi-, inter-, and transdisciplinary frameworks and considerations; and
- Develop evidence-based, cross-cutting solutions and programs that contribute to building climate and disaster resilience across diverse contexts.

Mode of Instruction

Courses are delivered on a semestral basis with courses during the mid year term using the virtual classrooms run in MyPortal, the learning management system of the UPOU. This is where class announcements are made, course materials uploaded, discussions held and assignments uploaded.

Admission Procedures

Step 1: Apply for admission and upload the admission requirements through the Online Application System. Monitor the progress of your application through the OAS.



Step 2: As soon as the online application is accomplished, mail the complete and valid admission documents to the address below:



The Admission Section
Office of the University Registrar
UP Open University
Los Baños, Laguna 4031
Philippines

Refer to the UPOU Academic Calendar for the deadline for submission of application documents.

Step 3: If required, take the admission exam. The details of and instructions for taking the exam will be emailed by admissions.



Step 4: Complete the DE Readiness Module (DERM). The link to the DERM will be emailed by admissions.



Step 5: Wait for an email from the OUR for the admission results. Results of the evaluation will be released after the evaluation of the respective Admissions Committee and before the registration/enrollment period of the applied term.

