

# TRIGGER CARD

transformative  
actions

complex scenarios

situational  
awareness

decision aid

keystone  
vulnerabilities

**DECART**

crises simulations

## CURRICULUM RESILIENCE



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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Competitors develop new  
promising curricula

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Competition from online providers and open educational platforms is increasing

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

There is an increase of  
education costs of public  
higher education institutions  
relative to the private sector  
institutions

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

There is an increase of education costs of private higher education institutions relative to the public sector institutions

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

There is an increase of the perceived education quality of public higher education institutions relative to the private sector institutions

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

There is an increase of perceived education quality of private higher education institutions relative to the public sector institutions

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Government subsidies for  
higher education institutions  
will be drastically reduced



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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Industries are exploring new partnerships with higher education institutions to meet the challenges of the 21st century

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Education costs (i.e. textbooks, computers, rental market, food) will increase significantly for students

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## **CATEGORY**

Competition / Economy

There is a currency  
devaluation in main partner  
countries of your institution  
implying higher costs for  
foreign students

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Competition for international students is increasing around the world

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## CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Unemployment is increasing  
abruptly due to a major  
economic crisis

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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

The educational entry level of students in the key scientific fields of your curriculum is decreasing

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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

The global number of national students is decreasing year after year in the key scientific fields of your curriculum

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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

The government requires an increase in the number of students in public higher education institutions



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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

Conflicts arising from differing cultural or ideological views create divisions within the campus community with negative media attention and reputational harm



## CATEGORY

### Environment

Sustainability and environmental challenges are of increasing concern to society, especially young adults, and to the industry sector

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## **CATEGORY**

### Environment

There is increasing concern from the government about lifelong learning opportunities, alongside a societal demand for continuous learning and upskilling

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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

There is an increase in  
biological warfare

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## CATEGORY

Environment

Foreign partners of your curriculum are affected by war and/or other geopolitical challenges

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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

Repetitive extremely high  
temperatures will make  
working and studying indoors  
hard



## CATEGORY

### Environment

Events like hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, or wildfires could destroy campus infrastructure, disrupt operations, displace students and staff

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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

Accreditations in higher education institutions will be more difficult to obtain



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## **CATEGORY**

### Environment

Incidents such as active shooter situations, terrorist attacks, or other forms of campus violence can lead to loss of life on your campus



## CATEGORY

### Environment

Failure to address sustainability concerns or environmental impacts could lead to criticism from students, faculty, and the public

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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

International incidents, such as changes in visa policies or global conflicts, affect your curriculum

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## **CATEGORY**

Environment

The state will cut research  
funding by 20%

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## **CATEGORY**

### Environment

A newly elected government could introduce changes in policy, such as new immigration laws and border controls

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**CATEGORY**  
Environment

Sexual harassment is a  
problem on your campus

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## **CATEGORY** Technology

There is an increase of hacker  
and cyber attacks

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## **CATEGORY**

Technology

Artificial intelligence is able to  
resolve complex problems and  
mimic human behavior



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## **CATEGORY**

Technology

Significant cyberattack could result in the theft of sensitive data (e.g., student and faculty records, financial information)

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## **CATEGORY**

### Technology

There is a rapid change in educational technology (e.g., AI, online learning platforms) impacting traditional education models

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## **CATEGORY**

Technology

A sudden and unexpected breakthrough in quantum computing could affect (engineering) curricula

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## **CATEGORY**

Technology

Artificial Intelligence generates new concerns surrounding ethics, data privacy, cheating, and the socio-economic impact of automation

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## **CATEGORY**

### Technology

There is a sudden and overwhelming demand for skills focused on artificial intelligence, data science, robotics, cybersecurity, and software engineering

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## **CATEGORY**

Technology

Artificial intelligence powered  
adaptive learning systems  
become more sophisticated  
impacting all sectors of  
society including higher  
education institutions

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## **CATEGORY** Technology

There is an increasing risk of shortages of technological infrastructures and necessary upgrades

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## **CATEGORY**

Technology

Fake news are diffused on  
social networks related to  
your campus





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