

Emergency Management and Homeland Security, BS


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Are you passionate about protecting our communities from natural disasters, extreme weather or terrorist events? Gain an understanding of the changing nature of risk and how it impacts society, which provides you a foundation for working as a first responder or homeland security professional in many capacities.

Program description

The School of Public Affairs offers the BS program in emergency management and homeland security. The program provides students with an understanding of the political and social implications of disasters, terrorism and national security. Students gain the skills and knowledge to understand and manage natural and human-made threats and execute complex projects in response. Coursework covering risk assessment, cross-boundary collaboration and rapid resource mobilization paired with practical skills such as operations continuity management, oversight of emergency operations centers, and techniques and best practices for developing prevention programs provide students with the tools to analyze complex situations and provide decision-making tools important for emerging leaders in the field.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) or [Online, ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an [accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree](#) with:

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Biosecurity and Threat Management\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Community Resilience\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Cybersecurity Policy and Management\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Emergency Management\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Homeland Security\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security, MA](#)

[Program Evaluation and Data Analytics, MS](#)

[Public Administration \(Emergency Management\), MPA](#)

[Public Administration \(Nonprofit Administration\), MPA](#)

[Public Administration \(Public Finance\), MPA](#)

[Public Administration \(Urban Management\), MPA](#)

[Public Administration, MPA](#)

[Public Policy \(Environmental Policy\), MPP](#)

[Public Policy \(Policy Informatics\), MPP](#)

[Public Policy, MPP](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required to change into this program.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Understanding how different governments around the world manage disasters can provide insight for bringing solutions to students' own communities. [Global Education programs](#) can help students gain practical knowledge and experience in how governments function at varying levels in a community. Students increase their knowledge and experiential base through study abroad programs to bring about positive change in their own communities. The heightened cultural competency and the leadership and critical thinking skills students acquire through study abroad programs also enhance their resumes.

Career opportunities

Graduates possess the knowledge and skills required for entry- and midlevel supervisory and managerial positions in the public sector at the local, state and federal levels, as well as other opportunities in the commercial and nonprofit sectors. Graduates will have a significant advantage in the coming hiring boom within the field in response to the upcoming wave of retirees in the public sector and increasing demand for public services, especially at the federal level.

For those who already possess relevant knowledge and experience, the program provides complementary knowledge valuable for promotion in the field.

Graduates also may choose to further their education in graduate programs in emergency management, public policy, law or public administration.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Compliance Manager</u>	3.3%	\$128,620
<u>Emergency Manager</u>	3.3%	\$79,180
<u>Firefighter/EMT</u>	3.6%	\$51,680
<u>General Manager (GM)</u> ☀	4.2%	\$98,100
<u>Military Officer</u>		\$0
<u>Police Sergeant/Detective</u>	3.1%	\$96,290
<u>Politician</u>	3.4%	\$48,090
<u>Regulatory Affairs Manager</u>	3.3%	\$128,620
<u>Security Manager</u> ☀	4.6%	\$99,030
<u>Social Services Director</u> ☀	9.1%	\$74,240

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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