Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Community Resilience), MA

The concentration in community resilience will prepare you to support communities before, during and after crises, including natural hazards, infectious diseases or acts of terrorism. You'll gain the knowledge, skills and expertise necessary to tackle challenges faced by cities throughout the world through reducing risk and supporting community health.

Program Description

**Degree Awarded:** MA Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Community Resilience)

Community resilience refers to the efforts of government and nongovernment actors to develop policies and practices aimed at reducing short and long-term hazards risk in order to enhance safety, sustainability and overall community resilience capacity.

This concentration within the MA program in emergency management and homeland security is focused on understanding how community resilience is developed and promoted across government agencies (local, state and federal) as well as private and nonprofit sector organizations in which functional and operational responsibilities relate to planning, hazards mitigation, disaster recovery or sustainability. Further, it leverages international partners in Australia and the United Kingdom through the PLuS Alliance for additional course offerings.

Program students serve and promote stronger and more resilient communities across public, private or nonprofit sector organizations. The program emphasizes a blended approach of practical knowledge and broader integrative thinking about the complex societal challenges of the 21st century. Its core values of collaboration between practitioners, faculty and students, public service, commitment to diversity, critical thinking and evidence-based assessment are all central to promoting informed and effective leadership.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus or online

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 and master's degree with:

Public Service and Public Policy (Emergency Management and Homeland Security), BS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements

33 credit hours including the required applied project course (CPP 593 or PAF 593)

**Required Core (18 credit hours)**
- CPP 510 Hazards Governance (3)
- CPP 520 Program Evaluation for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (3)
- CPP 570 GIS for Hazards Analysis (3)
- CRJ 511 Applied Data Analysis in Criminal Justice (3)
- CRJ 554 Homeland Security (3)
- PAF 552 Integrated Emergency Management (3)

**Concentration (6 credit hours)**
- CPP 511 Hazard Mitigation Planning (3)
- PAF 560 Community Resilience (3)

**Elective or Research (6 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
- CPP 593 Applied Project (3) or
- PAF 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

Students choose one of the applied project courses listed.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in criminology or criminal justice, public administration or public service, sociology or social work, public safety or fire service management, parks and recreation management, applied sciences or another closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. a written statement,
5. evidence of current employment in an organization in this field or at least two years prior professional experience in this or a related field OR a bachelor's degree in a related area
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Admission Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The written statement should be at least one page in length and describe the applicant's educational and career goals and long-term professional development strategy.

Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Application Deadlines

Fall
Spring
Summer

Global Opportunities
PLuS Alliance

The PLuS Alliance combines the strengths of three leading research universities on three continents --- Arizona State University, King’s College London and UNSW Sydney --- to create and share knowledge that will solve pressing educational and societal challenges.

Students have the opportunity to collaborate with peers and specialists across the globe through PLuS-partner courses offered online. Through this PLuS Alliance collaboration degree program, students develop transferable global competencies and gain exposure to international teaching and academic content. [https://www.plusalliance.org/global-learning-network-programmes](https://www.plusalliance.org/global-learning-network-programmes)

Career Opportunities

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts faster than average job growth in the homeland security and emergency management fields over the next 10 years. Graduates with a master’s degree in emergency management and homeland security with a concentration in community resilience are well suited for a variety of career opportunities, including:

- disaster recovery specialist
- emergency management
- environmental quality
- hazard mitigation specialist
- planning
- public health emergency preparedness

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