

Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Emergency Management), MA

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Ranked No. 1 by U.S. News & World Report, this degree empowers you with the expertise to mitigate natural and technological hazards. By promoting community resilience and guiding responses to emergencies, disasters and societal threats, you will be at the forefront of creating a safer and more secure world.

Program description

Degree awarded: MA Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Emergency Management)

The emergency management concentration within the MA program in emergency management and homeland security is designed for individuals who intend to assume greater management responsibility in helping communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters in both private and public settings.

Students gain an essential understanding of the entire vision, mission and principles of emergency management with an emphasis on policy analysis and program evaluation, leadership, management, use of technology, phases of the disaster life cycle, and interagency and cross-sector collaboration. Core concepts and analytic approaches to disaster risk reduction and the promotion of community resilience capacity are addressed in concentration courses.

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 today's world. Its core values of collaboration between practitioners, faculty and students; public service; commitment to diversity; and critical thinking and evidence-based assessment are all central to promoting informed and effective leadership. Furthermore, this program leverages international partners in Australia and the United Kingdom through the PLuS Alliance for additional course offerings.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) 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 plus master's degree** with:

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

[Public Service and Public Policy, BS](#)

[Public Service and Public Policy \(Business\), BS](#)

[Public Service and Public Policy \(Criminology\), BS](#)

[Public Service and Public Policy \(Emergency Management and Homeland Security\), BS](#)

[Public Service and Public Policy \(Law and Policy\), BS](#)

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](#).

Degree requirements

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

Required Core (18 credit hours)

CRJ 511 Applied Data Analysis in Criminal Justice (3)

CRJ 554 Homeland Security (3)

PAF 551 Hazards Governance (3)

PAF 552 Integrated Emergency Management (3)

PAF 558 Program Evaluation for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (3)

PAF 559 GIS for Hazards Analysis (3)

Concentration (6 credit hours)

PAF 554 Exercises and Planning for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (3)

PAF 555 Information Technology in Emergency Management (3)

Elective or Research (6 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)

PAF 593 Applied Project (3)

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 from a regionally accredited institution 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.

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. 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 their 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.

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.

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.

Application deadlines

Fall

Spring

Summer

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Global opportunities

PLuS Alliance

The PLuS Alliance partnership combines the strengths of three leading research universities from 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>

Career opportunities

Graduates with a Master of Arts in emergency management and homeland security have career opportunities illustrated in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

Career options include:

- continuity of operations planner
- disaster recovery specialist
- emergency manager
- hazard mitigation officer
- logistics specialist
- training and exercises planner

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