Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Emergency Management), MA

Learn effective hazards risk reduction, promotion of community resilience, and overall knowledge of natural and technological hazards to help make the world a safer place. You'll develop skills that will enable you to guide local or national response to emergencies, disasters and other societal threats before, during and after crises.

Program Description


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 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 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. Further, it 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 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 512 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)**
- CPP 593 Applied Project (3) or
- PAF 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

For the culminating experience, 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. 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 expand
Spring expand
Summer expand

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
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

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