

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

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Ranked No. 1 by U.S. News & World Report, this degree program is recognized as the best of its kind. It will build and sharpen your leadership skills, enabling you to guide local or national response before, during and after emergencies, disasters and other societal threats.

## Program description

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

This concentration within the MA program in emergency management and homeland security is focused on homeland security as a field, applicable to all levels of government (federal, state and local) and to positions in private sector organizations with functional and operational skills related to organizational security.

Students gain an essential understanding of the public policy and practice on homeland security and homeland defense issues, with an emphasis on policy analysis and program evaluation, leadership, management, use of technology interagency and cross-sector collaboration. Furthermore, it leverages international partners in Australia and the United Kingdom through the PLoS Alliance for additional course offerings.

Students in the program 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.

## 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)**

CRJ 553 Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (3)

PAF 557 Interagency and Intersector Coordination for Emergencies and Disasters (3)

### **Electives 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 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.

Applicants are required to 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

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 in degree in emergency management and homeland security are well suited for positions in both the public and private sectors.

Career examples include:

- cybersecurity specialist
- homeland security specialist
- intelligence analysis
- logistics specialist
- planner
- policy analyst

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