Emergency Management and Homeland Security, MA

Emergency management and homeland security are closely linked professional fields that address a complex set of challenges related to hazard risk reduction and resilience capacity promotion. With no concentration, you are able to choose four related electives to best meet your goals and interests.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Emergency Management and Homeland Security
The MA program in emergency management and homeland security is designed to assist the professional development of current or future practitioners as the next generation of leaders in these fields.

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.

One of the unique features of this program is its breadth of content coverage. The program offers the following five distinct concentration areas: emergency management, homeland security, community resilience, biosecurity and threat management, and cybersecurity policy and management. These subject area specializations underscore the program's commitment to strategic thinking about current and future challenges. Likewise, the program has a number of learning opportunities from an international perspective.

When students enroll in this program, they are encouraged to choose one of these area specializations. Students can enroll in the degree program without declaring a concentration; however, selecting a concentration is advisable because doing so assists in developing knowledge, skills and abilities pertinent to an intended career path.
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 an 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)

**Electives (12 credit hours)**

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

Additional Curriculum Information

For electives, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list.

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, environmental sciences or geography, public health 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 application and application fee  
2. official transcripts  
3. 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  
4. two letters of recommendation  
5. a written statement  
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 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](https://www.plusalliance.org/global-learning-network-programmes)

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### 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.

- cybersecurity specialist
- disaster recovery specialist
- emergency manager
- exerciser and trainer
- hazard mitigation officer
- homeland security specialist
- intelligence analyst
- planner
- public health emergency preparedness officer

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