Currently ranked No. 3 by U.S. News & World Report, this program prepares you to be an agile, results-driven leader in emergency management and public safety. The degree is customizable, with community resilience and disaster management courses, electives, and five concentration options --- to fit your unique goals.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Cybersecurity Policy and Management)

The cybersecurity policy and management concentration under the MA program in emergency management and homeland security degree provides motivated students with knowledge, skills and abilities to assume leadership, key management and other key operational positions with public sector agencies (or related private sector organizations) with responsibilities related to managing cybersecurity hazards in the area of homeland security, emergency management, critical infrastructure protection, risk management, and other related fields. Cybersecurity is an important threat and vulnerability issue that cuts across multiple domains.

This concentration is uniquely geared toward professionals in emergency management, homeland security, critical infrastructure protection, hazard mitigation, planning and emergency preparedness who do not seek nor require highly technical training in cybersecurity (beyond a basic competency level) but, instead, have major operational responsibilities that pertain to cyber-related vulnerabilities. This concentration is a unique contribution: It provides education and training on cyber policy and management issues for general administrators, and further, it leverages the PLuS Alliance for shared international course offerings.

At a Glance
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 will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements

33 credit hours including an applied project (CPP 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 (3 credit hours)
CPP 575 U.S. Cyber and Information Security Policy (3)

Restricted Elective (3 credit hours)

Electives or Research (6 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
CPP 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students take up to three courses as part of the PLuS Alliance program with the University of New South Wales.

Restricted elective coursework is chosen from an approved list. 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 or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

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

All applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. professional resume
5. written statement
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

The resume should show current employment in an organization in this field or at least two years prior professional experience in emergency management or a related field, or a bachelor's degree in a related area.

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

Attend 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.
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

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