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


The emergency management concentration under the MA in emergency management and homeland security degree 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 leadership, management, use of technology and cross-agency collaboration.

Overall, this degree program promotes stronger and more resilient communities by helping prepare students to engage in the effective management of hazards and crises. This program assists the professional development of current or future practitioners as the next generation of leaders in areas related to emergency and disaster management, hazards management, public safety and homeland security.

The program's students serve communities across the United States in either public, private or nonprofit sector organizations. Through collaboration among faculty, students and the practitioner community, this is a leading-edge program that addresses the complex array of 21st century challenges which require thoughtful and informed leadership.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** 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 will be 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 (3 credit hours)**
- PAF 555 Information Technology in Emergency Management (3)

**Restricted Elective (3 credit hours)**

**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
Restricted elective coursework is chosen from an approved list. Students should see the academic unit for the approved course list.

Students also 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 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 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 (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

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 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 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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