Emergency Management and Homeland Security, MA

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Emergency Management and Homeland Security

This degree program provides students with the skills and knowledge to manage and assume positions of leadership within the fields of emergency management and homeland security. Concepts of public policy and management, science, technology and criminal justice are blended together to enhance and foster critical thinking within the general field of study. Based upon integrative science, this degree transcends the confining boundaries of traditional programs and emphasizes the systems approach. More specifically, an all-hazards and all-threats orientation provides the student with a generalist perspective which is critically important for the disaster managers of today and tomorrow.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- Location: online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including an applied project course (CRJ 593 or PAF 593), or
33 credit hours including an applied project course (CPP 593 or PAF 593)

Required Core Courses (18 credit hours)
CPP 510 Hazards Governance (3)
CPP 520 Program Evaluation for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (3)
CRJ 511 Applied Data Analysis in Criminal Justice (3)
CRJ 554 Homeland Security (3)
PAF 552 Integrated Emergency Management (3)
PAF 571 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Analysis (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 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 of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's 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 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 is required.
4. two letters of recommendation
5. a written statement, at least one page in length, which describes the applicant's educational and career goals and long-term professional development strategy
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.
Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year and accelerated 7.5 week classes. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

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