Public Service and Public Policy (Emergency Management and Homeland Security), BS

Program Description

The School of Public Affairs offers a concentration in emergency management and homeland security as part of their BS in public service and public policy. This concentration provides students with the skills and knowledge to manage and assume positions of leadership within the field of emergency management and homeland security. Concepts of public policy and management are blended together with emergency management principles to enhance and foster critical thinking within the general field of study. More specifically, the program's focus provides the student with a comprehensive perspective which is critically important for today's and tomorrow's disaster managers.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program at the following location: Downtown Phoenix campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150 percent of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. See more information and eligibility requirements on the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus or online
- Additional Program Fee: No
- Second Language Requirement: No
- First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

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.

Transfer Agreements

Career Opportunities

The program is primarily focused on providing students with the knowledge and skills required for entry- and mid-level supervisory and managerial positions in the public sector, such as city, county, state and federal agencies, though they would successfully function in many other types of organizations as well. For those who already have work experience, the degree provides further opportunity for promotion. In addition, the program prepares students for future graduate study in law, public policy and public administration.

Retiring baby boomers, along with increasing demand for public services, has resulted in an increase in job opportunities for graduates in the public sector. The federal government is the nation's largest employer with nearly two million people employed across the country, and nearly 85 percent of those jobs exist outside the
Washington, D.C. area. The federal government is anticipated to hire tens of thousands of new employees for mission-critical positions in the next few years. Students with preparation in academic areas related to public service will have an advantage in that market.

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