

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Description and Outcomes

The Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management program integrates courses from criminal justice, social science, public policy, leadership, and business into a cross-disciplinary program designed to prepare you to pursue a spectrum of careers in the public and private sectors.

The program offers you the opportunity to study homeland security and emergency management policy and issues from a perspective that explores the interrelationships of public and private sector businesses and industries, economics, policy, politics, culture, ideology, psychology, and human dynamics. The program is designed to equip you with the skills and competencies relevant to leaders in the public and private sectors to meet the needs of the highly demanding, dynamic, and complex fields of homeland security and emergency management.

You will examine how societal institutions, governmental agencies, lawmakers, businesses, and other organizations plan and determine viable and sustainable solutions to local, regional, national, and global issues of security and emergency management. You will have the opportunity to study topics such as: technology, economics and resource availability, regulation and law, ethics, entrepreneurship, the politics of security, the dynamics of emergency management, security and policy making, homeland defense, and interagency cooperation.

The curriculum is designed to be hands on, project oriented, and problem based to provide you with the opportunity to explore the real challenges and issues holistically from a variety of perspectives and propose unique solutions. The goal of the program is to connect theory with practice, collaborate and conduct research with professionals from a broad cross-section of disciplines, and develop collaborative skills to solve real-world problems.

Program Length

The Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management program consists of a minimum of 45 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a master of science degree.

Program Outcomes

1. **Public Value:** Apply knowledge of practice in homeland security and emergency management to make effective decisions that create public value in diverse and dynamic situations.
2. **Ethical Decision Making:** Evaluate the social and ethical implications of decisions made to protect people and property.
3. **Innovation:** Innovate to address complex and multidimensional homeland security and emergency management global challenges to propose solutions.
4. **Knowledge Base:** Evaluate and apply theoretical foundations, current knowledge, and legal doctrine in homeland security and emergency management.
5. **Diversity:** Assess cultural, individual, and role differences of constituents and stakeholders.

6. **Leadership:** Apply principles of leadership to shape change and improve homeland security and emergency management policy and practices.
7. **Research Methods:** Critically evaluate current qualitative and quantitative research on current knowledge and developing trends in the profession.
8. **Organizational Behavior and Management:** Apply organizational behavior and management theories to day-to-day operations within the profession.

Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the professional competencies associated with your academic program in the Professional Competencies (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/professional-competencies/>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CJ525	Applied Research in Public Safety	5
CJ527	Socially Responsible Leadership in Public Safety	5
HM500	Crisis and Emergency Management Fundamentals	5
HM501	Homeland Security Policies, Principles, Procedures, and Plans	5
HM503	Planning and Operations in Crisis and Emergency Management	5
HM510	Mitigation and Preparedness Issues for Emergency Management	5
HM540	Crisis Intervention	5
Multidisciplinary Elective		5
HM598	Master's Capstone in Homeland Security and Emergency Management	5
Total Core Requirements		45
TOTAL CREDITS		45