master of arts
emergency management & homeland security
student guide 2015 – 2016

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Director’s Message

Careers in emergency management and homeland security represent excellent opportunities for those interested in meaningful public service. Practitioners in these areas contribute to community resilience, risk reduction of natural and human-made hazards, public safety and homeland defense and overall community sustainability—all in the performance of their daily responsibilities. The MA in Emergency Management and Homeland Security degree program contributes directly to the College of Public Service and Community Solutions’ mission of promoting healthier and more vibrant communities. We do so by training current practitioners and the next generation of leaders in these fields to serve communities across the United States. Our goal is to build a partnership between the university, its students and the practitioner community in developing a leading edge program addressing effectively the complex array of 21st century challenges which require thoughtful and informed leadership.

Brian J. Gerber, Ph.D.
Overview

The MA in Emergency Management and Homeland Security degree integrates knowledge areas and analytic expertise across the domains of public policy, public management, criminal justice and science and technology. The program is unique in that it crosses the traditional boundaries of several disciplines and emphasizes a systems approach to learning and practice. More specifically, the program takes seriously an all hazards/all threats perspective and is geared toward developing integration skills which are critically important for today’s and tomorrow’s practitioners responsible for leading communities and managing complex hazards and risks. Detailed information about the program of study, program admissions and ASU Online resources are all contained in this document.

Admission Information

Applicants to the Master of Arts in Emergency Management and Homeland Security (MA EMHS) are accepted year round. Students may be granted admission for Fall Standard Admission, Fall B Session, Spring Standard Admission, Spring B Session or Summer. Regular admission may be granted to applicants who have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) or better in the final 60 credit hours of work leading to a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.

The different sessions begin as follows:

- Fall Standard Admission: Classes begin in late August
- Fall B Session: Classes begin in mid-October
- Spring Standard Admission: Classes begin in early to mid-January
- Spring B Session: Classes begin in mid-March
- Summer: Classes begin in late May

All applicants must submit the following materials. All materials should be submitted online through the ASU Graduate Application. Contact the Academic Success Specialist for the MA EMHS program if there are questions about the application process. Contact information appears at the end of the guide.

- An official ASU Graduate Application online https://students.asu.edu/graduate/apply
- Application fee: $70 domestic, $90 international
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work. Only paper transcripts are accepted, no electronic transcripts may be used. Send transcripts to:

  Arizona State University
  Graduate Admission Services
  P.O. Box 871003
  Tempe, AZ 85287-1003

- Two letters of recommendation (when the applicant submits the application, they will list the names and email addresses of these recommenders who will then be contacted directly by ASU Graduate Admissions and given instruction on how to submit their recommendation)
- Resume or CV
- International applicants must also submit proof of English proficiency https://students.asu.edu/graduate/proficiency

Did you know

Program of Study

The Program of Study is the set of classes that is recognized by ASU, Graduate Education, and the College of Public Service and Community Solutions as sufficient to grant a degree. The Program of Study totals 30 credit hours of graduate credit and includes core courses and an approved elective.

In order to graduate, each student must submit an Interactive Program of Study (or iPOS) using an online form once approximately 15 credit hours have been scheduled. The advisor will assist students in planning and completing the iPOS: https://graduate.asu.edu/sites/default/files/how-to-ipos.pdf. No more than twelve credit hours of graduate courses before admission to the College and approved by a student's supervisory committee can be included in the Program of Study for the MA EMHS. Students from institutions other than ASU may transfer a maximum of 12 credit hour to their College of Public Service and Community Solutions program. Any transfer credit must be approved by the MA EMHS Director. Students have six years from the term of their first MA EMHS class to complete the degree.

Applied Project

The MA Emergency Management and Homeland Security requires students to demonstrate competency by synthesizing and applying core knowledge, skills and abilities to emergency management and homeland security issues. Students demonstrate competency by earning an A or B in the program's applied project course. The applied project is to be taken in the final semester in the program.

Curriculum

This degree program 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, 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 today's and tomorrow's disaster managers.

Total Required Credit Hours: 30 hours (27 total hours of core coursework, 3 total hours of electives)

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Required Research Course: (3 credit hours)  
CRJ 511 Applied Data Analysis in Criminal Justice (3)

Required Culminating Experience: (3 credit hours)  
PAF 593 Applied Project (3)

NOTE: Students may substitute PAF 503 Public Affairs for PAF 520 Public Management, and students may substitute CRJ 593 Applied Project for PAF 593 Applied project. Any elective substitutions must be approved in advance by the MA EMHS Faculty Director
Descriptions of Core Courses

CRJ 554 Homeland Security
Presents skills necessary to develop policies, strategies, programs, and organizational structure of an all hazards/all risk homeland security program.

PAF 520 Public Management
Management process in government and public agencies, with emphasis on the executive leadership within the public sector.

PAF 552 Integrated Emergency Management

PAF 555 Information Technology in Emergency Management
Provides theory and application of computer-based programs in emergency management and the use of various emergency modeling programs.

PAF 560 Community Resilience
Examines community resilience from a systems perspective, embracing governments, private, nonprofit and civic roles. Presents research, case studies, and strategies for policy planning and implementation. Provides an understanding of how community members respond to the need to prepare for, endure and recover from disasters and the ability to utilize multiple communication methods to help community members before, during and after these emergencies.

PAF 561 Interoperability for Emergency Managers
Enables understanding of the multiple technologies and skills utilized by emergency managers to enhance successful coordination and communication between all levels of emergency managers and responders during emergency mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery operations.

SWG 579 Critical Incident Stress Management
Theory and research behind coping strategies and mechanisms commonly experienced by Emergency Management Teams (EMT) and DHS. Explores topics of stress, trauma, vicarious trauma and mass trauma as experienced by the individual and large populations.

CRJ 511 Applied Data Analysis in Criminal Justice
Examines a variety of tools used in the analysis of criminal justice data, including GIS mapping.

PAF 593 Applied Project
Preparation of a supervised applied project that is a graduation requirement in some professional majors.
Steps to Enrollment

You must complete the following before you will be able to enroll at ASU:

Activate your ASURITE ID – MyASU is the University’s secure, real-time website that provides you with access to your student records. In order to login to myASU and take advantage of its many uses, including class registration, making payments, and changing your contact information, you must activate your ASURITE ID. You will need your ASURITE ID and activation code which were provided to you in the first letter sent by ASU Graduate Education. If you have discarded or misplaced the letter, please contact computer accounts at 1-855-278-5080 or https://contact.asu.edu/ to have a new activation code created for you.

With your ASURITE ID and activation code, go to asu.edu/asurite and follow the guided steps. When your account is active, you may logon to myASU at my.asu.edu and proceed to the next step to enrollment. When you activate your ASURITE, you will be prompted to set up your ASU email account. We require each student to have an active ASU email account as this is the university’s primary means of communication. Students should access their ASU email, or forward it to an account they check frequently, on a regular basis.

Register for classes – After activating your ASURITE ID, you will be able to register for classes. To register, go to myASU (http://www.my.asu.edu/), login using your ASURITE ID and password. On the left side of your myASU page, there is a box called My Classes. Select the tab for the semester and year for which you wish to register. Click the Registration link then the Add link. You may search for courses or enter the 5 digit Class Number for each class you want to add. Be sure to click Finish Enrolling to complete your course registration.

Citizenship Verification – Although not a prerequisite for enrollment, you may also be required to provide evidence of U.S. citizenship, permanent resident status of lawful immigration status in order to be eligible for consideration for in-state tuition or financial assistance funded in whole or part by state monies. If your citizenship status cannot be automatically verified, you will see a Finances item on your student center (below the Priority Tasks section referenced above). You will then need to submit a completed Citizenship Verification Form and a legible copy of acceptable documentation to a registrar location at any campus.

Orientation & Campus

As this program is being offered entirely online for you, the ASU Online office has prepared an orientation for new students. We would recommend reviewing that orientation for valuable information about being successful as an online student, including the step-by-step instructions on how to register for courses. You can find the orientation here: http://online-student-welcome.asu.edu/.

Students in ASU Online programs are invited to spend time on any of the ASU campuses and use any of the resources available to ASU students. If you plan to join us on campus to use the Information Commons at the Downtown Phoenix Campus, or perhaps to attend an event being held on the Tempe Campus, please plan to bring your Sun Card with you.

Sun Card

The Sun Card is the official photo ID of all Arizona State University students, faculty and staff. The card is $25. You may pay by cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, or you can have the charge posted to your university student account and a bill will be sent to you. Students receive a Sun Card at a Sun Card office. To get a Sun Card, do the following:

• Present a legal photo identification, including U.S. driver’s license, passport, military identification or high school ID card, to verify who you are when your Sun Card is created.

• Fill out a card with your name, 10 digit ASU ID number and classification. Afterward, your picture is taken and your Sun Card produced on the spot.

• The process takes 3 – 5 minutes, and you will walk away with your new Sun Card. View a list of Sun Card locations at: https://cfo.asu.edu/cardservices.
Student Responsibilities

As a graduate student in the College of Public Service and Community Solutions, you must adhere to all policies for ASU graduate students. You may find these in the Graduate Policies and Procedures manual found here: https://graduate.asu.edu/sites/default/files/asu--graduate-policies-and-procedures1_0.pdf. Students are responsible for being aware of the content of this document, so we suggest that you read it at the time of your admission, and remain familiar with it throughout your course of study.

Email Policy

Arizona State University policy requires that students obtain an ASU email address once admitted to the university. This email address is the official email address to which the university sends email communications and is recorded in the university's electronic directories. Students may suppress their email address from these directories by completing forms available at https://students.asu.edu/forms/registration.

Students are expected to check their email on a frequent and consistent basis to stay current with university-related communications. Faculty who choose to use email in their classes expect students to use their ASU email account for all class email communication. Occasionally, we will need to contact you through email with important information concerning the graduate program. Students are responsible for all information communicated through the ASU email system. Additional information about ASU email is available at https://myasu.force.com/akb?id=kA3d00000004jYi.

Continuous Enrollment

Once admitted to a graduate degree program, students must be registered for a minimum of one credit hour (not audit) of graduate-level coursework (500-level courses) during all phases of their graduate education. Courses with grades of “W” and “X” are not considered valid registration for continuous enrollment purposes. Students planning to discontinue enrollment for a semester or more must request approval for a maximum of two semesters during their entire program. A petition for a leave of absence, endorsed by the academic unit, must be approved by Graduate Education. This request must be filed and approved before the start of classes for the semester in which a leave is requested.

An approved leave of absence will enable students to reenter their program without reapplying to the university. Students who do not enroll for a fall or spring semester without an approved leave of absence by Graduate Education are considered withdrawn from the university under the assumption that they have decided to discontinue their program. Students removed for this reason may reapply for admission to resume their degree program; the application will be considered along with all other new applications to the degree program. Students who need to request a leave of absence should contact the Academic Success Specialist for details.

Grades of Incomplete

A grade of “I” is given by the instructor only when a student who is otherwise doing acceptable work is unable to complete a course. A Request for Grade of Incomplete form must be submitted by the student with the understanding that the work is to be completed within one calendar year. A student does not have to register or pay fees for a course where a grade of incomplete has been received in order to complete the course. If the work has not been completed after one calendar year, the mark of incomplete remains an “I” and becomes a permanent part of the transcript. To repeat the course for credit, a student must reregister and pay tuition and fees. The grade for the repeated courses will appear on the transcript but will not replace the permanent “I”. Additional information regarding ASU grading policies may be found at https://students.asu.edu/grades.
Academic Standards

The faculty of the College of Public Service and Community Solutions has approved the following academic standards for the MA EMHS program:

- Dismissal from the MA EMHS program will be recommended by the MA EMHS Committee if a student has received three (3) C and/or lower grades in coursework taken after admission to the program. No more than two (2) C grades will be permitted to be used on the Program of Study.

- Per ASU Graduate Education policy, grades of D or E cannot be used to meet the requirements for a graduate degree, although they are used to compute the GPAs. A student receiving a D or E must repeat the course in a regularly scheduled (not independent study) class if it is to be used on the Program of Study.

How to Choose Classes

You should now have a solid understanding of the steps to enroll, academic requirements and basic timeline to graduate from the College of Public Service and Community Solutions. Your next step is to choose classes.

Most students choose to take 6 – 12 credit hours per semester (1 or 2 courses each session). ASU considers 9 credit hours full-time for graduate students during the fall and spring semesters. The number of courses you should take in a given semester depends upon your schedule and comfort level. To choose which classes best fit your schedule, please go to https://webapp4.asu.edu/catalog/ and search for the desired semester. Please be certain to search for ASU Online courses, and to use the course prefixes for the MA EMHS courses (CRJ, NLM, PAF and SWG).

Sample course sequences for students completing the MA EMHS program are shown below.

To complete the program in 1 year

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To complete the program in 3 years

Year 1  Fall Session A:  PAF 520 Public Management
        Spring Session A:  CRJ 554 Homeland Security
                      Spring Session B:  PAF 561 Interoperability Management for Emergency Managers

Year 2  Fall Session A:  PAF 552 Integrated Emergency Management
        Fall Session B:  PAF 555 IT in Emergency Management
                      Spring Session A:  PAF 560 Community Resilience and Recovery
                      Spring Session B:  CRJ 419 Domestic Terrorism (Elective)

Year 3  Fall Session B:  CRJ 511 Applied Data Analysis
        Spring Session B:  SWG 579 Critical Incident Stress Management
                      Summer:  PAF 593 Applied Project

*Please note that PAF 507, CRJ 419 and CRJ 553 are the electives used here, but others may be substituted. Consult the complete listing above for all options.

Graduation Procedures

After all coursework has been completed and Graduate Education requirements have been met, the student is eligible for graduation. Application for graduation should be made no later than the date specified by Graduate Education for the appropriate graduation semester. Deadlines can be found at https://students.asu.edu/graduation-apply. Additional late fees are assessed if the application is submitted after the date specified. **Students must be enrolled in at least one credit hour during the intended semester of graduation.**

Please visit ASU’s graduation website at https://students.asu.edu/graduation for information regarding ceremonies (commencement and convocation options), diplomas, and other important graduation information.

Did you know

U.S. News and World Report listed Emergency Management Specialists as one of its 50 Best Jobs of 2011
Student Resources

ASU Bookstore
It is recommended that you purchase all textbooks for your MA EMHS classes through the ASU Bookstore. Four great reasons to buy all your books through ASU are:

1. All the money made from book sales goes back into the University.
2. The ASU Bookstore offers a low price guarantee.
3. Books purchased through the ASU Bookstore are guaranteed to be correct for your class.
4. It’s a one-stop shop for all your ASU textbooks.

Textbooks for College of Public Service and Community Solutions courses can easily be purchased at the Downtown Phoenix Campus bookstores. For more information, visit: www.asu.edu/bookstore.

Information Commons
The Information Commons is located on the lower level of the University Center Building, and serves as the central site for multiple academic and student support services at the Downtown Phoenix Campus. It houses the DPC Library, a computing site with over 45 laptops for student, faculty and staff use, and several types of study spaces (including common, quiet, and silent study zones as well as private and group study rooms). The Downtown Phoenix Campus Library provides access to books and other research resources focusing on materials of particular interest to majors in the anchor fields taught at the Downtown campus.

More details about the Information Commons can be found on the Downtown Phoenix Campus website at https://campus.asu.edu/downtown/information-commons.

Did you know
The ASU Libraries offer a lot of great resources for online students. They have a section set aside just for students who are completing their degrees in a non-traditional fashion. You can find that information here: https://lib.asu.edu/services/online-students. One thing in particular that might be useful for you is RefWorks. If you need assistance or just a refresher on APA formatting for citations and bibliographies, it can be really helpful.

Military/Veteran Resources
ASU is proud to design and deliver quality online programs that meet the needs of military personnel stationed anywhere in the world. For additional information about veteran and military resources available to ASU students, please visit https://veterans.asu.edu/. If you need approval from an academic advisor for your Prior Credit Evaluation form, please contact the MA EMHS Academic Success Specialist for assistance.

Disability Resource Center
The Disability Resource Center (DRC) facilitates access for qualified students with disabilities through the provision of reasonable and effective accommodations, and serves as an information hub for ASU and the community. Students are encouraged to visit the DRC and make it an integral part of the educational pursuits.

DRC Contact Information
Post Office (POST), Suite 104
Web: https://eoss.asu.edu/drc
Phone: 480-965-1234
Email: drc@asu.edu

University Career Services
ASU Career Services assist with career exploration, development and implementation. This provides opportunities for student and alumni to consult with career professionals for advice and resources on self-assessment, career planning, and developing job search strategies or self-marketing tools (i.e. resume, interviewing skills, social media presence). The Downtown Career Services Center is located in the Student Center at the Post Office on the second floor, Suite 251.

522 N. Central Avenue
Suite 251
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Web: https://eoss.asu.edu/cs
Phone: 480-965-2350
Email: careerservices@asu.edu
Financial Aid

Graduate students seeking loans or financial aid counseling should contact the ASU Student Financial Aid Office at https://students.asu.edu/financialaid or the College of Public Service and Community Solutions Student Financial Resource Coordinator at 602-496-0232.

Useful Links:

ASU Financial Aid:  https://students.asu.edu/financialaid
Types of ASU Financial Aid: https://students.asu.edu/financialaid/types
ASU Scholarship and Aid Search: https://students.asu.edu/financialaid/search
Graduate Education Fellowships: https://graduate.asu.edu/pay-for-college
Student Employment: https://students.asu.edu/employment
ASU Cost of Attendance: https://students.asu.edu/tuition
FinAid Scholarships: http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/

Tuition and Fees Payment

A tuition billing statement may be viewed on myASU by selecting the option “View/Print Tuition Bill/Receipt”. A tuition billing statement will not be mailed. Semester specific payment options and deadlines are described in the University Academic Calendar at https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar. If tuition is not paid or financial aid is not awarded by the deadline, you will automatically be enrolled in the Tuition Installment Plan and charged a nonrefundable fee.

You can pay for your tuition a number of ways – see also https://students.asu.edu/tuitionandbilling:

eCheck

eChecks are ASU’s preferred payment method and are accepted online with no service charge. eChecks are a fast and simple payment method that can be made from regular U.S. checking and savings accounts. You will need your bank’s routing number and your account number, which are available on the bottom of your check or from your financial institution. See https://students.asu.edu/faq/227 for more information.

Credit Card

ASU does not directly accept credit or debit card payments for tuition and student account charges, but has arranged for a third-party processor to accept MasterCard, Discover, and American Express payments online through QuikPAY. The processor charges a 2.5% service charge for credit and debit card payments. Tuition and student account credit/debit card payments are only accepted online and are not accepted by mail, over the phone, or in person (major credit cards are accepted without a service charge at the ASU Bookstore, Intercollegiate Athletics Ticket Office, Sun Card Office, and other ASU departments). Read the Credit Card FAQs for additional information at https://students.asu.edu/faq/226.

By mail

Mail check payments only. Include your 10 digit ASU ID number. Make checks payable to Arizona State University. Read ASU's returned check policy at https://students.asu.edu/faq/227.

Cashiering Services
Arizona State University
P.O. Box 870303
Tempe, AZ 85287-0303

In person

Make in person check and cash payments only:

Downtown Phoenix Campus, University Center Building, Suite 112, 602-496-2274
Polytechnic Campus, Student Affairs Complex Quad 2, Building 350, 480-727-1081
Tempe Campus, Student Services Building, 2nd Floor, 480-965-6341
West Campus, University Center Building (UCB) Room 101, 602-543-6708
about arizona state university

ASU is a vanguard knowledge and discovery enterprise advancing transdisciplinary teaching and research focused on the major questions of our time and the most pressing challenges that confront global society. The New American University now emerging at ASU represents a pioneering effort to redefine the American research university, and to provide for the region an institution that addresses its unique demands and dynamics while leveraging its competitive advantage through strategic global engagement. A comprehensive public metropolitan research university enrolling more than 70,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students on multiple campuses, ASU is a federation of unique colleges, schools, departments, and research institutes that comprise close-knit but diverse academic communities that are international in scope. ASU champions intellectual and cultural diversity, and welcomes students from all fifty states and more than one hundred nations across the globe.

ASU has been moving at an accelerated pace to establish itself as one of the leading centers for cutting-edge interdisciplinary research in selected areas, both fundamental and applied. Consistent with the vision of the research university as a catalyst for societal transformation, ASU favors a research enterprise dedicated to societal relevance and socially optimal outcomes of research. But ASU is also a community of poets, artists, and musicians, a place where the expression of a personal vision is valued as highly as the design of a new molecule.

The transformation of ASU from a territorial teachers college to a world-class research institution parallels the transformation of metropolitan Phoenix from a frontier settlement to a dynamic and emerging world city. ASU seeks to set a new standard for public service, and is an active partner with the private sector in initiatives to enhance the social well-being, economic competitiveness, cultural depth, and quality of life of metropolitan Phoenix and the state.
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