

***HSEM students study the basics of homeland security and emergency management, including:***

- Risk and vulnerability to and impacts of natural and human-caused disasters;
- Emergency planning/management principles and practices;
- Terrorist threat, including terrorist motives, methods, and history;
- Prevention and mitigation approaches;
- Counter-terrorism policies and practices;
- Vulnerability assessment of public and private infrastructure and institutions;
- Protection of critical infrastructure against damage from disasters;
- Legal, ethical, and constitutional related to the prevention of terrorist attacks and to governmental response to all types of disasters;
- Intelligence analysis of domestic and international threats; and
- Communication and management of emergency management and homeland security issues and processes;
- Policy topics, such as organizational design and management, interagency/ intergovernmental coordination and cooperation among local, regional, state, national, and international organizations.

***Majoring in Homeland Security and Emergency Management will enable students to:***

- Secure entry-level jobs in the expanding area of homeland security and emergency management;
- Build on a solid foundation of knowledge and skills to assume leadership roles in emergency management, homeland security, and/or public policy;
- Participate in employer-directed training for performance enhancement and career advancement; and
- Pursue graduate study and advanced education in government, business, public policy, international affairs, law enforcement, policy planning, or law.

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# **Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

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## **A Bachelor of Arts Degree Program**

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## Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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The undergraduate **Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)** program is designed to prepare students with competencies necessary to work in an all-hazards preparedness environment. Emergency management has always been a critical responsibility and challenge for governments at the federal, state, and local levels.

Response to disasters requires pre-disaster planning, mid-disaster operations, and post-disaster recovery that can be carried out successfully only through the combined and coordinated efforts of all levels of governments and the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, as well as churches, and non-governmental organizations.

In addition to general competencies, Savannah State University graduates will have distinctive competencies in addressing the socioeconomic and cultural diversity issues of homeland security and emergency management.



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### HSEM Program Mission

The HSEM Program prepares students for leadership and careers in homeland security and emergency management or public policy with broad-based knowledge, skills, and abilities to leverage resources for the protection of lives and property in preparation for and in the occurrence of any type of disaster.

### HSEM Curriculum

For a bachelor's degree in HSEM, a student will complete 125 hours that include, in addition to core curriculum courses, instruction in policy as well as planning and operational components of emergency management and homeland security, including opportunities to gain practical experience and work with current incident management technologies. The curriculum provides policy foundations and advances students through core competencies in areas such as hazard, risk and vulnerability assessment; planning; terrorism; and planning for diverse populations. The Introduction to Emergency Management course, HSEM 1101, is a prerequisite for all major courses. Electives give students the opportunity to focus on specific areas such as public health or intelligence. For details on degree requirements, go to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program web page at <http://www.savannahstate.edu/class/programs/undergraduate/hsem.htm>

### HSEM Major Required Courses

HSEM 3110	Politics and Policy of HSEM
HSEM 3120	Law and Ethics in HSEM
HSEM 3250	Assessing Risk & Vulnerability
HSEM 3130	Planning, Mitigation & Incident Management
HSEM 3140	Social Diversity Issues in HSEM
HSEM 3260	Terrorism in the Modern World
HSEM 3822	Tools for Decision Making
HSEM 3840	Effective HSEM Communication & Leadership
HSEM 3901	Internship
HSEM 4901	Senior Capstone Seminar



### Minor in HSEM

In addition to the major, the HSEM program offers a 15-hour minor in homeland security and emergency management.

The minor requires:

HSEM 3250 (3 hours)

HSEM 3130 (3 hours)

plus three additional 3-hour 3000-level or above HSEM courses.

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