

Arkansas State University – Master of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

The Master of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (DPEM) is an interdisciplinary program that prepares professionals to effectively meet the demands of disaster preparedness, mitigation, planning, response and recovery. The program requires 36 hours of graduate-level courses.

Students interested in pursuing a Master of Science in DEPM must have a Bachelor's degree in any discipline. Applicants must meet the basic admission requirements of the Graduate School. To apply, complete the online application to the Graduate School and declare DPEM as your major. Applicants must schedule a personal interview with a MS DPEM adviser. Venues for the interview include face-to-face, telephone or electronic. The adviser and the student will analyze the appropriateness of the degree given the student's goals and career objectives, the degree's requirements along with the student's academic progress to date. Admission to this degree program is conditioned upon completion of prerequisite course(s) required and acceptance by clinical agencies for practicum experiences.

The program consists of 36 Credit Hours that includes six Core Courses, three Emphasis Courses, a Practicum Experience, and a Final Project. The six Core Courses are each worth three credit hours (18 total) and the three Emphasis Courses are each worth three credit hours (9 total).

The Practicum Experience is worth three credit hours and students can choose between a Seminar Topics Course or a 60 hour practicum at an approved site. The Final Project is worth six credit hours to be taken in two separate three hour terms. Students may choose between competing a Research Project or a 240 hour internship at an approved site.

FALL COURSES

DPEM 6153 - Crisis Communications

DPEM 6113 - Theory Development in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

EMPHASIS Course

EMPHASIS Course, Practicum or Final Project

SPRING COURSES

DPEM 6123 - Research Design and Methodology in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

DPEM 6143 - Global Perspectives

EMPHASIS Course

EMPHASIS Course, Practicum or Final Project

SUMMER COURSES

DPEM 6103 - Health Care Issues and Policies related to DPEM

DPEM 6133 - Ethics and Legal Considerations in DPEM

EMPHASIS Course

Practicum Course or Final Project

PRACTICUM COURSES IN DPEM

(Select 3 hours/offered every term as needed.)

DPEM 661V Seminar Topics in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (1-3 credit hours)
DPEM 6643 Practicum Experience—3 credit hours/60 contact hours

FINAL PROJECT IN DPEM

(Select one of the following/offered every term as needed.)

DPEM 665V - Internship (6 Credit Hours) (240 Contact Hours)

DPEM 667V - Research (6 Credit Hours)

Note: At least one EMPHASIS course will be offered each 7 weeks. If desired course is not offered when registering student should contact DPEM office to determine when this particular course will be offered.

Arkansas State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission North Central Association.

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