

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

The Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (DPEM) is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students to enter professions in the much needed areas of disaster preparedness and emergency management. The program requires 120 hours of undergraduate level courses related to the study of disaster preparedness, mitigation, planning, response and recovery.

Students wishing to pursue the BS in DEPM must apply to Arkansas State University and meet all of the admission requirements established by the university. Students must also complete an application for the BS major and schedule a personal interview with a BS adviser. Continued admission to this degree program is based upon the acceptance by clinical agencies for practicum experiences.

Semester 1 – 15 hours

English Comp I 3

DPEM 1101 Introduction to Incident Management 1

DPEM 1111 Introduction to Resource Management 1

DPEM 1121 Introduction to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Incidents 1

DPEM 2233 Framework of Healthcare Emergency Management 3

DPEM 2323 Respiratory Protection: Program Development 3

DPEM 2343 Introduction to Hazardous Materials 3

JOUR/RTV 1003 Mass Communications 3

Semester 2 – 15 hours

English Comp II 3

College Algebra 3

DPEM 2353 Global Perspectives 3

DPEM 2213 Principles of HAZMAT Response 3

DPEM 2363 Fundamentals of CBRNE Crime Scene Management 3

Semester 3 – 15 hours

Biological or Physical Science with lab 4

DPEM 2223 Hazardous Materials Containment 3

Support/Emphasis Elective 3

Support/Emphasis Elective 3

Support/Emphasis Elective 2

Semester 4 – 15-16 hours

POSC 2103 Introduction to Government 3

DPEM 2313 Pandemic Planning & Preparedness 3

DPEM 2303 Environmental Health in Emergency Response 3

Support/Emphasis Elective 3

Support/Emphasis Elective 2-3

Semester 5 – 16 hours

Biological or Physical Science with lab 4

DPEM 3503 Principles of Disaster Preparedness 3
DPEM 3553 Ethical Considerations in DPEM 3
DPEM 3563 Information Technology in DPEM 3
Literature or Philosophy 3

Semester 6 – 15 hours

Fine Arts Visual, Musical or Theater 3
Social Science (Psychology, Sociology or Intro to Politics) 3
DPEM 4533 Disaster Mental Health 3
SOC 4063 Sociology of Disasters 3
DPEM Support/Emphasis Elective 3

Semester 7 – 15 hours

Social Science (Psychology, Sociology or Intro to Politics) 3
CMAC 4603 Mass Communications 3
DPEM 4513 Physical Care of CBRNE 3
DPEM 4563 Non-Government Agencies in DPEM 3
DPEM Support/Emphasis Elective 3

Semester 8 – 15 hours

Statistics 3
DPEM 4553 Capstone in Homeland Security 3
DPEM 4523 Risk Identification and Prevention 3
DPEM Elective 3
DPEM Elective 3

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