Clemson University – Master in Public Administration with Specialization in Emergency Management

Clemson University offers a Master of Public Administration with a Specialization in Emergency Management. The Clemson MPA is geared towards working professionals and is offered synchronously online using Adobe Connect technology. This program allows students to engage and network with faculty and other professionals while also having the convenience of an online platform. Courses are offered in a traditional semester format and most meet virtually one evening per week.

The program requires the completion of 39 or 42 total credit hours, depending on the student’s choice of the comprehensive exam or a capstone final research project. If a student chooses the comprehensive exam, they are required to complete 39 total credit hours. Because the capstone project is a 3 credit hour course, if a student chooses this as their final project they are required to complete 42 total credit hours.

Required Courses (21 credits):

- PADM 8210 Perspectives on Public Administration (3)
- PADM 8220 Public Policy Process (3)
- PADM 7020 Research Methods for Public Administration (3)
- PADM 8410 Public Data Analysis (3)
- PADM 8620 Administrative Leadership (3)
- PADM 8270 Public Personnel Administration (3)
- PADM 8290 Public Financial Management (3)

Students must take all the courses listed above, plus one of the government courses described in the next column and five electives. There are some exceptions to this policy Please inquire as to theses exceptions during your advising sessions.

- PADM 8600 American Government (3)
- PADM 8670 State Government Administration (3)
- PADM 8680 Local Government Administration (3)
- PADM 8460 Administrative Law (3)

Students may declare a specialization from one of the five MPA specializations or they may create a hybrid specialization with a mix of courses from MPA elective courses. Specializations include: Emergency Management, Homeland Defense and Security, Local and State Government, Non-Profit Management, and Regional Sustainability. Specifically Emergency Management courses are as follows:

Emergency Management:

- PADM 8510 Fundamentals of Emergency Management (3)
- PADM 8530 Homeland Security & Emergency Management Law (3)
- PADM 8520 Emergency Management Planning and Preparation (3)
- PADM 8780 Resilience in Disaster Recovery (3)
- PADM TBD Advanced Seminar in Emergency Management (3)
Regional accreditation is granted by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

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