The Schar School of Policy and Government offers a variety of courses in emergency management and homeland security. This concentration addresses policy, planning, security, organizational, and management issues in the field of emergency preparedness and homeland security. Course selections are structured to enhance the capabilities of diverse federal, state, local, and volunteer agencies, and the public and private sectors to minimize the impact of disasters on the American public with an emphasis on how the various elements work together in emergencies to save lives and protect property. Electives are designed to address public management issues across the four major phases of emergency management – planning, response, recovery and mitigation.

**Required Courses:**

- PUAD 502 – Administration in Public and Nonprofit Organizations
- PUAD 630 – Emergency Planning and Preparedness
- PUAD 637 – Managing Homeland Security

Two elective courses (6 credits) which students can pick from the list* below:
- PUAD 630 - Emergency Planning and Preparedness
- PUAD 631 - Disaster Response Operations and Recovery
- PUAD 633 - Hazard Mitigation Policy
- PUAD 634 - Management of International Security
- PUAD 635 - Emergency Preparedness: Interagency Communication and Coordination
- PUAD 637 - Managing Homeland Security
- PUAD 727 - Seminar in Risk Assessment and Decision Making
- PUAD 731 - Homeland/Transportation Security Administration
- PUAD 738 - Issues in International Security
- PUAD 794 - Internship
- PUAD 796 - Directed Readings and Research
- PUBP 710 - Topics in Public Policy
- PUBP 742 - Transportation Safety and Security
- PUBP 754 - Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis for Public Policy
- PUBP 758 - Global Threats and Medical Policies
- PUBP 794 - Internship
- PUBP 796 - Directed Readings and Research
- ITRN 702 - Policy: Study Abroad

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