

Jacksonville State University – Doctor of Science in Emergency Management

Jacksonville State University offers a Doctor of Science in Emergency Management. The program is designed to equip senior emergency management professionals and future emergency management faculty with comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the requirements for managing and reducing risk from hazards, and for effectively responding to and recovering from disasters when they occur. In particular, students will acquire advanced knowledge and skills in such areas as risk management; crisis management; risk and crisis communication; program implementation and evaluation; policy analysis; needs assessment and other applied research techniques; planning and program development; research methods and quantitative analysis; and leadership and facilitation. In addition to core requirements, students may select from a number of electives that will help them to customize their program of study and help to focus their doctoral research. The doctoral program faculty all offer noteworthy records of scholarship, external funding and community service to the profession, and a commitment to integrate research with practice.

The Doctor of Science degree requires a total of 60 semester credit hours, in addition to an earned Master of Science Degree in Emergency Management or an approved related discipline. Students are expected to complete coursework in the following areas: Administration & Policy; Research; and Practice Areas.

Integrative Seminar (In-Residence; 2 hours each; 6 hours required)

EM 802, Integrative Seminar (1st Year)

EM 804, Integrative Seminar (2nd Year)

EM 806, Integrative Seminar (3rd Year)

Administration and Policy (3 hours each; 9 hours required)

EM 812, Disaster Management Principles and Practice

EM 814, Interdisciplinary Disaster Theory and Research

EM 823, Institutional Context and Emergency Management Policy

EM 825, Systems Thinking and Applications in Emergency Management

Practice Areas (3 hours each; 6 hours required)

EM 832, Hazards Risk Management and Community Resilience

EM 834, Risk-Based Response and Recovery Strategy Development and Operations

EM 843, Emergency Management Program Management

Research (3 hours each; 12 hours required)

EM 853, Research Design

EM 855, Advanced Data Analysis

EM 862, Cost-Benefit Analysis or

EM 864, Qualitative Research or

EM 866, Evaluation Research or

EM 868 and EM 869, Directed Research

Dissertation (3 hours each; 18 hours required)

EM 899, Dissertation Research

Regional Accreditation: Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

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