Pierce College - Bachelor of Applied Science in Homeland Security - Emergency Management

Pierce College of Washington's HSEM Program was designed and is led by nationally recognized academic/practitioner-graduates of FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA). It offers students a balance of professional, technical, and theoretical courses and is designed to build the next generation of emergency management professionals.

Pierce College is consistently recognized as one of the nation's top military-friendly colleges and universities, with a student population of approximately 20,000 attending classes over three State of Washington campuses and its extensive online portal.

This online program includes interactive instruction in policy as well as planning and operational components of emergency management and homeland security.

The Pierce College HSEM Bachelor's Degree is a highly selective cohort-styled program, requiring strong student commitment and participation. Graduates will possess a three (3) course Specialized Concentration, including Project Management, Social and Cultural Impacts, Native American Studies, Languages (Ex. ASL), Criminal Justice, or Occupational Health and Safety. Specialized Concentrations may be developed between the student and the Program Director.

The curriculum provides policy foundations and advances students through core competencies in hazard identification; risk and vulnerability assessment; planning, terrorism awareness; protection, prevention, response, recovery and mitigation. The degree will prepare students with the competencies to work in an all-hazards preparedness environment, including an understanding of the implications of disasters on individuals, families and communities.

Pierce College's HSEM Program is building tomorrow's leaders and contributing to the evolution of emergency management.

HSEM CORE Requirements: 104 Credits

- HSEM 340 Effective Organizational Communication and Public Speaking – 4 Credits
- HSEM 360 Leadership in Homeland Security Emergency Management – 5 Credits
- HSEM 357 External Affairs for Emergency Management – 5 Credits
- HSEM 365 Systems Thinking and Individual Leadership – 5 Credit
- HSEM 380 Risk Reduction for Homeland Security Emergency Management – 5 Credits
- HSEM 370 Continuity Planning for Business and Government – 5 Credits
- HSEM 420 Technology and Cybersecurity in Homeland Security Emergency Management – 5 Credits
- HSEM 440 Geographic Information Systems for Homeland Security Emergency Management – 3 Credits
- HSEM 449 Professional Development Seminar – 2 Credits
  - Concentration Course-1 – 5 Credits
  - Concentration Course-2 – 5 Credits
  - English Requirement – 5 Credits
- HSEM 430 Legal Issues in HSEM – 5 Credits
  - Business 260 Project Management-I – 5 Credits
  - Concentration Course-3 – 5 Credits
HSEM 460  Research Methods – 5 Credits  
Business 261 Project Management-II – 5 Credits  
Humanities Elective – 5 Credits  
HSEM 410  Ethics and Critical Decision Making – 5 Credits  
HSEM 450  HSEM Internship – 5 Credits *Determined in Conjunction with HSEM Director  
HSEM 470  Capstone Examination or Project – 5 Credits  

Internship is required.  

General Education: All students entering the Pierce College HSEM Bachelor's Degree Cohort must possess an Associates Degree or higher prior to entering the program.  

Pierce College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.  

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