University of Maryland University College – Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Administration with a Minor in Emergency Management

University of Maryland University College offers a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Administration with a Minor in Emergency Management. The Public Safety Administration major helps students develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for leadership and administration in those occupations and organizations that provide public safety. The curriculum is designed to provide students with a global outlook, interpersonal skills, leadership abilities, an awareness of current issues, and management competencies, including strategic planning, risk management, public policy, program development and implementation, ethics, and supervision. Graduates of the program may pursue careers as public safety leaders in both the public and private sectors. Students may also supplement the comprehensive core study of public safety with a related minor in corporate security, fire service administration, or homeland security.

The student who graduates with a major in public safety administration will be able to:

- Facilitate and support leadership and vision in public safety administration to manage successful programs, including intergovernmental, interagency, and interdisciplinary outreach.
- Utilize informed decision making, goal orientation, teamwork, ethical behavior, integration of assets and resources, enhanced technology, and communication to ensure effective leadership in public safety administration.
- Use clear and effective communication strategies and strong interpersonal, technological, and social media skills to facilitate building collaborative partnerships in public safety administration.
- Identify risks and design responses, plans, training, and exercises that coordinate public and private resources to effectively meet the goals of public safety.
- Develop concise and succinct policy, plans, and procedures to support public safety administration.

Degree Requirements
A degree with a major in public safety administration requires the completion of 120 credits of coursework, including 30 credits for the major; 41 credits in general education requirements; and 49 credits in the minor, electives, and other degree requirements. At least 17 credits in the major must be earned in upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above).

Requirements for the Public Safety Administration Major:

Coursework for a major in public safety administration includes the following:
- PSAD 302 Introduction to Public Safety Administration (3)
- PSAD 304 Contemporary Public Safety Practices (3)
- PSAD 306 Public Safety Planning (3)
- PSAD 408 Public Safety Legal Issues and Public Policy (3)
- PSAD 410 Public Safety Research and Technology (3)
- PSAD 414 Public Safety Administration Ethics (3)
- PSAD 416 Public Safety Leadership (3)
Minor in Emergency Management
The emergency management curriculum complements the skills the student gains in his or her major discipline by providing knowledge of emergency management, including disaster planning and operations and allocation of limited resources.

A minor in emergency management requires the completion of the following 15 credits of coursework in emergency management.

- EMGT 302 Concepts of Emergency Management (3)
- EMGT 304 Emergency Response Preparedness and Planning (3)
- EMGT 308 Exercise and Evaluation Programs (3)
- EMGT 310 Continuity of Operations Planning and Implementation (3)
- EMGT 312 Social Dimensions of Disaster (3)

Courses already applied toward other degree requirements (e.g., major or general education) may not be applied toward the minor. At least 9 credits must be earned in upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above). Prerequisites apply for all courses.

Requirements for Public Safety Minor:

First Courses (to be taken within the first 18 credits at UMUC)
Note: Placement tests are required for math and writing courses.

- EDCP 100 Principles and Strategies of Successful Learning (strongly recommended as first course) 3
- LIBS 150 Introduction to Research 1
- WRTG 101 Introduction to Writing or WRTG 101S Introduction to Writing 3
- MATH 106 Finite Mathematics or other 3-credit MATH course at or above the level of college algebra 3

Introductory Courses (to be taken within the first 30 credits)

- ECON 103 Economics in the Informational Age or other behavioral and social sciences course 3
- BIOL 103 Introduction to Biology or other science lecture and laboratory course(s) 4
- WRTG 293 Introduction to Professional Writing or other writing course 3
- IFSM 201 Concepts and Applications of Information Technology (prerequisite to later course) 3
- HUMN 100 Introduction to Humanities or other arts and humanities course 3

Foundation Courses (to be taken within the first 60 credits)

- BEHS 103 Technology in Contemporary Society 3
or other behavioral and social sciences course  
(discipline must differ from first)

NSCI100  Introduction to Physical Science  3

or other science lecture course

HIST125  Technology Transformations  3

or other historical perspective course  
(discipline must differ from other humanities course)

PSAD 302  Introduction to Public Safety Administration  3

COMM 202  Media and Society  3

or other communication, writing, or speech course

IFSM 300  Information Systems in Organizations  3

(related requirement for the major; also fulfills the computing requirement)

PSAD 304  Contemporary Public Safety Practices  3

Additional Required Courses (to be taken after introductory and foundation courses)

WRTG 394  Advanced Business Writing  3

or other upper-level advanced writing course

PSAD 306  Public Safety Planning  3

PSAD 408  Public Safety Legal Issues and Political Policy  3

PSAD 410  Public Safety Research and Technology  3

PSAD 414  Public Safety Administration Ethics  3

PSAD 416  Public Safety Leadership  3

FINC 331  Finance for the Nonfinancial Manager  3

BMGT 317  Decision Making  

in business management

Capstone Course for Major (to be taken in the last 15 credits)

PSAD 495  Public Safety Issues and Challenges  3

Emergency Management Minor 15 (to be taken in the last 60 credits along with required major courses)

EMGT 302  Concepts of Emergency Management  3

EMGT 304  Emergency Response Preparedness and Planning  3

EMGT 308  Exercise and Evaluation Programs  3

EMGT 310  Continuity of Operations Planning and Implementation  3

EMGT 312  Social Dimensions of Disaster  3

Additional Minor and/or Elective courses 34 (to be taken in the last 60 credits along with required major courses)

Additional Recommended Minors:
Corporate security, criminal justice, cybersecurity, fire service administration, forensics, homeland security, terrorism and critical infrastructure

Total Credits for BS in Public Safety Administration: 120
The University of Maryland University College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Additional Information:
http://www.umuc.edu/academic-programs/bachelors-degrees/public-safety-administration-major.cfm

http://www.umuc.edu/academic-programs/bachelors-degrees/emergency-management-minor.cfm

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