

University of Maryland, Global Campus – Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Administration with a Minor in Emergency Management

Supervise and lead the organizations that manage emergencies and defend against threats to corporate or homeland security with a bachelor's degree in public safety administration. A Bachelor of Science in public safety administration from University of Maryland Global Campus builds a strong foundation of knowledge about emergency management systems at federal, state, and local levels to foster cross-agency collaboration. This program is ideal for those who have already worked in the public safety field in some capacity and want to further develop their critical thinking and leadership skills to solve current and future public safety issues in both the public and private sectors.

Developed by government employees who work in public safety, the courses in the public safety administration degree program can provide you 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, decision making, and supervision. You'll use actual public safety information taken straight from governmental sources in your assignments

Through your coursework, you will learn how to

Facilitate and support leadership in public safety administration to manage successful programs, including intergovernmental, interagency, and interdisciplinary outreach

Use informed decision making, goal orientation, teamwork, ethical behavior, enhanced technology, and communications to ensure effective leadership in public safety administration

Use clear and effective communication strategies and strong interpersonal, technological, and social media skills to help build collaborative partnerships

Identify risks and design responses, plans, training, and exercises that coordinate public and private resources to effectively meet public safety goals

Develop concise policy, plans, and procedures to support public safety administration

Coursework Examples:

In past projects, students have had the opportunity to:

Identify a public safety issue, analyze how the issue should be addressed, and present possible solutions, including implementation steps and recommendations.

General Education Coursework: 41 Credits

Research and Computing Literacy:

Program and Career Exploration – 3 Credits

Introduction to Research – 1 Credits

OR Career Planning Management – 1 Credits

OR other general education elective

Information Systems in Organizations – 3 Credits

Communication:

Academic Writing I – 3 Credits
OR other writing course
Academic Writing II – 3 Credits
Foundations of Oral Communication – 3 Credits
OR other communication, writing, or speech course
Advanced Business Writing – 3 Credits
OR other advanced upper-level writing course

Mathematics:

Topics for Mathematical Literacy – 3 Credits
OR other approved math or statistics course

Arts and Humanities:

Technological Transformations – 3 Credits
OR other arts and humanities course
Introduction to Humanities – 3 Credits
OR other arts and humanities course

Behavioral and Social Sciences:

Economics in the Information Age – 3 Credits
OR other behavioral and social science course
Technology in Contemporary Society – 3 Credits
OR other behavioral and social science course

Biological and Physical Sciences: One of the following pairs of lecture and laboratory courses in the same session:

Concepts of Biology – 3 Credits and Laboratory in Biology – 1 Credits
Introduction to Physical Science – 3 Credits and Physical Science Laboratory – 1 Credits
Other paired science lecture and laboratory courses taken in the same session
Physical Geology – 3 Credits or other science lecture course

Major Courses: 33 Credits:

Introduction to Public Safety Administration – 3 Credits
Contemporary Public Safety Practices – 3 Credits
Public Safety Planning – 3 Credits
Public Safety Legal Issues and Public Policy – 3 Credits
Public Safety Research and Technology – 3 Credits
Public Safety Administration Ethics – 3 Credits
Public Safety Leadership – 3 Credits
Finance for the Nonfinancial Manager – 3 Credits
Decision Making – 3 Credits
Public Safety Issues and Challenges – 3 Credits

Minor/Elective Courses: 49 Credits

Students who complete a bachelor's degree with this minor may be eligible to reduce their total coursework for the Master of Science in management specialization in emergency management by 6 credits.

Concepts of Emergency Management – 3 Credits

Emergency Response Preparedness and Planning – 3 Credits

Social Dimensions of Disaster – 3 Credits

Exercise and Evaluation Programs – 3 Credits

Terrorism Issues in Emergency Management – 3 Credits

Total Credits: 120 Credits

Overall Degree Requirements:

In addition to the general education requirements and the major, minor, and elective requirements, the overall requirements listed below apply to all bachelor's degrees.

You must complete a minimum of 120 credits.

You must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 overall and a minimum grade of C for any class applied to the academic major or minor.

Within the 120 credits required, the following coursework must be taken through UMGC:

30 credits (normally the final 30)

Half of the required number of credits within both the major and the minor

15 credits at the upper level (earned in classes numbered 300 to 499), preferably within the major or minor

At least 45 credits must be upper level and include at least half of the credits required for the major. The remaining upper-level credits can be earned in any part of the curriculum.

At least half the required number of credits for any academic major or minor must be earned through graded coursework. Credit earned by examination, portfolio assessment, or noncollegiate training does not count as graded coursework.

Double majors: You can earn a dual major upon completion of all requirements for both majors, including the required minimum number of credits for each major and all related requirements for both majors. The same class cannot be used to fulfill requirements for more than one major.

Certain restrictions (including use of credit and acceptable combinations of majors) apply for double majors. You cannot major in two programs with excessive overlap of required coursework. Contact an admissions advisor before selecting a double major.

Second bachelor's degree: To earn a second bachelor's degree, you must complete at least 30 credits through UMGC after completing the first degree. The combined credit in both degrees must add up to at least 150 credits. You must complete all requirements for the major. All prerequisites apply. If any of these requirements were satisfied in the previous degree, the remainder necessary to complete the minimum 30 credits of new classes should be satisfied with classes related to your major. You may not earn a second bachelor's degree in general studies and may not obtain a second associate's degree within the second bachelor's degree. Contact an admissions advisor before pursuing a second bachelor's degree.

Electives: Electives can be taken in any academic discipline. No more than 21 credits can consist of vocational or technical credit. Pass/fail credit, up to a maximum of 18 credits, can be applied toward electives only.

The University of Maryland Global Campus is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

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