The traditional resident 4-year Bachelor of Science program in Emergency Administration and Planning (EADP) is in the Department of Public Administration at the University of North Texas. The EADP program educates students about the physical and human consequences of natural, technological and civil hazards, and integrates theoretical and applied approaches pertaining to the management of disasters. It offers an innovative curriculum emphasizing professional competency for undergraduates interested in a career in the emergency and disaster management fields in the public sector at the local, state and federal levels of government as well as the private and non-profit arenas.

The degree requires completion of a minimum of 120 semester hours. This includes the major of at least 42 advanced hours (24 of which must be completed at the University of North Texas) and a minor in a related field of at least 18 hours (6 must be advanced). Students are required to participate in an internship if they have no prior experience in the field. Since 1983, over 1,250 students have graduated from the EADP program.

Seven required courses equip majors with the basic knowledge in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. Electives enrich this core competency with additional courses in technological applications, international disasters, the needs of special populations in disasters, and the complex interaction between terrorism and disaster management. EADP majors also benefit from an operational Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that serves as a state-of-the-art laboratory for experiential learning. The department offers a limited number of undergraduate public administration courses (PADM) as a minor field of study in support of a related major, or for students who seek to understand more about the field of study.

In addition to the seven required courses, all pre-career students must also complete an internship of 240 hours of employment. This provides our fledgling EADP students the opportunity to gain first-hand experience related to all four phases of Emergency Management. The internship is a key component of the EADP program as it may provide the student with an entry into a permanent position.

Up to 6 hours of EADP 4800 and/or 4810, (Internship Preparation/Internship Practicum in Emergency Management), are required of these students. The remaining hours for the major may consist of choices from other EADP courses, or up to six hours from complementary disciplines including public administration, geography, sociology, management, and insurance. By allowing students to choose from these different fields of study, each student has the opportunity to tailor his/her degree for any sector of emergency management (public, private, non-profit) or level of government (local, state federal). Faculty encourages students to choose these courses based on each student's career goals.

A minimum of 120 semester hours; 42 advanced, are required to complete the program.

Program Requirements:

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science with a major in emergency administration and planning must meet the following requirements:
Major Requirements:
21-27 hours of EADP core courses
3 hours of TECM 2700
3 hours of Natural Lab Science (Must either be Biology 1132, Geography 1710 or Geology 1610)
15 hours of electives
42-48 Total Hours (for credit waiver for work experience see Internship Details)

Minor Requirements:
A minor of at least 18 hours; 6 must be advanced

Other Requirements:
A grade of "C" or better and a minimum GPA of 2.5 on all courses in the major

University Electives:
18 hours, or minimum hours required to complete degree. Courses may be selected from any offered at UNT that the student and the adviser deem appropriate to the degree

Sample courses offered include:

- Introduction to Emergency Management
- Disaster Response and Recovery
- Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness
- Financial Aspects of Government
- EOC Design and Operations
- Leadership and Organizational Behavior
- Capstone Course in Emergency Management
- Private Sector Issues
- International Disasters (Study abroad in Mexico/Turkey/Thailand/India/Peru/Nicaragua)
- Special Populations and Disasters
- Terrorism and Emergency Management
- Hazardous Materials: Planning and Management
- Technology in Emergency Management
- Disaster Exercise and Design
- The Federal Government and Disasters
- Hurricane Preparedness
- Images of Disasters in Film and Media

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