

## **University of South Carolina, Columbia - Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Emergency Management and Planning**

The University of South Carolina offers a Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Emergency Management and Planning. The MPA program provides a broad curriculum that can prepare managers for careers in the public sector, non-profits and for-profits.

The concentration in Emergency Management and Planning is designed to provide knowledge to practitioners regarding emergency planning, hazard mitigation, and responses to emergencies in the state of South Carolina and beyond. The concentration is offered in conjunction with the highly-ranked Geography Department, which is a leader in the study of natural and man-made disasters. The Geography Department houses the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute and faculty in the department have created the Spatial Hazards Events and Losses Database for the United States (SHELDUS) database, which is the most comprehensive database of storms and natural disasters in the U.S. in existence and is a resource for academics, public officials and private sector firms.

In addition to the management and analytic skill studies gained in the core MPA courses, students in the EMP concentration will gain an understanding of the substance of natural and man-made disasters and technical skills like GIS mapping that are important for planning for and responding to emergencies and disasters and are highly valued by employers.

Additional Information:

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### **Emergency Management Concentration**

GEOG 530: Environmental Hazards - 3 credit(s)

GEOG 535: Hazards Analysis and Planning - 3 credit(s)

GEOG 563: Advanced Geographic Information Systems - 3 credit(s)

University of South Carolina is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

### **Core Capabilities**

Planning

Threats and Hazards Identification

### **Core Competencies**

Geographic Literacy

Governance and Civics

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