Western Carolina University, Cullowhee - Online Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management

Western Carolina University offers an online Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management (EDM), as well as a residential Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management. For the online program applicants must have an Associates Degree at a community college or completion of General Education coursework. New students are accepted into the program in for January and August enrollments. In the online program each course is 8 weeks long, with two sessions per semester. Students can take a maximum of two courses per session.

The EDM program has exciting opportunities in the residential and online program, including an online Student Center, a virtual emergency exercise, group discussions and guest speakers. Service opportunities are available. For students seeking employment with the federal, state, county or local government, consulting or an exciting positions in businesses continuity and emergency management, this would be an excellent major.

The degree consists of 120 semester hours, including:

• 42 credit hours of Liberal Studies courses
• 27 credit hours of EDM core courses
• 21 credit hours of EDM and other approved, upper-division electives

Additional Information: http://www.wcu.edu/5699.asp

Tentative List of course offerings:

- COM 400: Crisis Communication/Public Relations
- EDM 250: Introduction to Emergency Management
- EDM 300: Research Methods
- EDM 322: Social Dimensions of Disaster
- EDM 324: Emergency Planning
- EDM 326: Risk Assessment & Vulnerability Analysis
- EDM 335: Principles of Hazard Mitigation
- EDM 340: Political & Policy Basis for Emergency Management
- EDM 351: Resource Management
- EDM 435: Homeland Security
- EDM 440: Disaster Research Methods
- EDM 441: Senior Research Project
- EDM 448: Exercise Design & Evaluation
- EDM 452: Legal Issues in Emergency Management
- EDM 457: Terrorism
- EDM 460: Case Studies in Emergency Management
- PSC 303: State & Local Government
- PSC 304: Public Administration

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Core Capabilities

Community Resilience
Cybersecurity
Economic Recovery
Fire Management and Suppression
Forensics and Attribution
Long-term Vulnerability Reduction
Mass Search and Rescue Operations
Operational Coordination
Planning
Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities
Screening, Search, and Detection
Threats and Hazards Identification

Core Competencies

Community Engagement
Disaster Risk Management
Geographic Literacy
Leadership
Possess Critical Thinking
Sociocultural Literacy
Systems Literacy
Technological Literacy
Value Continual Learning

Internship is optional

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