

Develop the critical thinking and leadership skills required to maximize performance and take decisive action in times of crisis.

The Executive Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management (EDM) is designed to prepare the next generation of leaders in government, private sector, and nonprofit organizations focused on helping those in need when disaster strikes. Unique in the nation, the EDM program integrates a blend of online learning and on-site intensives that provide not only the foundational elements of this demanding profession but also opportunities for experiential learning.

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

Applied Curriculum: Thought leaders and practitioners bring real-world experience directly to the classroom, introducing students to the global complexity of natural and man-made disasters.

Leadership & Strategic Thinking: Students learn to identify and understand federal, state, and local laws that govern emergency management, enabling them to respond ethically and legally to emergencies and disasters.

Cohort Learning Experience: The program fosters both communication and trust-building, key elements of emergency and disaster management. Students learn from each other through group projects, Socratic inquiry, and onsite experiential intensives.

Building Resilience: Students develop the skills they need to effectively communicate risk, make critical decisions, and influence others to act in a crisis situation.

CAREERS

Students earning an Executive Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management acquire the knowledge they need to plan and direct disaster response and crisis management activities for a broad range of disaster and emergency situations. The skills gained from this program prepare students for emergency management careers in government, nonprofit, and corporate sectors, including emergency management, public health and safety, policy and planning, public affairs, humanitarian services, and risk management.

PARTNERSHIPS

Georgetown has joined forces with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and Cranfield University to create the EDM program, preparing future leaders in emergency management through a combination of scenario-based intensives and real-world case studies.

Students benefit from LLNL's national security expertise, advanced modeling and simulation, and data analytics capabilities, which help them develop critical decision-making skills. Cranfield Defence and Security (CDS) provides students with a unique international perspective of emergency preparedness and response, with a particular emphasis on chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN); explosives; resilience; and security sector reform.



CURRICULUM

The executive master's degree requires 30 credits total. All course modules, including Capstone, are required.

Course Modules (Required) 6 credits each

Students take five course modules comprised of online and on-site study. The study of foundational emergency management practices, theories, and regulations is combined with intensive, one-week field studies.

- 1. Theory & Legal Framework** Washington, D.C.
Learn the historical context of emergency management in the U.S. by delving into theoretical concepts, legal and political structure, ethical considerations, and crisis leadership skills necessary to serve the public in times of disaster.
- 2. Natural Disasters** U.S. location
Study the disaster cycle and context of naturally occurring events through real-world case studies that teach the importance of understanding local conditions and building resilience for effective response and recovery.
- 3. Terrorism & WMD** Livermore, CA
Explore the complex dimensions of deliberate, no-notice terrorist events as well as the challenges associated with risk communication and the application of advanced technology in response to and recovery from CBRN hazards.
- 4. U.S. Support to a Foreign Disaster** International location
Understand the complex diplomatic and humanitarian issues associated with providing aid to foreign countries. Explore response operations in widely divergent cultural and economic conditions.
- 5. Capstone** Washington, D.C.
Integrate the knowledge gained throughout the program into a challenging Capstone experience.

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MASTER'S DEGREE IN
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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Visit our admissions page for more information about application deadlines and applying online.

TUITION

Educational expenses are assessed each semester based on the number of credits for which you are registered. Visit our website for current tuition rates.

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