

Prepare for the Unexpected Challenges of Tomorrow

Featuring a flexible, hands-on curriculum, Georgetown University's Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management equips students with the contemporary communications, critical thinking, science, and technology skills they need to become effective leaders and exceptional practitioners in the evolving field of emergency management.

Designed for entry- and mid-level professionals looking to enter into or advance within emergency management professions, the program incorporates the critical skills and hands-on experience needed to take action before and after disaster strikes. Graduates of the program are well-rounded emergency and disaster management professionals who can see the big picture and lead with confidence in a diverse range of influential roles.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Holistic Approach. Unlike many response-focused emergency management programs, Georgetown's program approaches this multidisciplinary field from a holistic perspective. Courses examine the full disaster cycle, with particular emphasis on preparedness and recovery.

Evidence-Based Decisions. Emergency management professionals are required to make choices every day that can ultimately mean life or death for the people they serve. Students are trained to base their professional decisions on scientific and empirical evidence, rather than simply relying on how things have been done in the past.

Leading Faculty. The program is led by a faculty of top practitioners and academics with experience across a range of industries and organizations, including the American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, local and state emergency management organizations, and more.

Flexible Schedule. Students can take classes online, on campus, or through a combination of both modalities; students also have the options to enroll in the program on either a part-time or full-time basis.

Practical Application. Using case studies and real-world challenges, courses emphasize the specific knowledge and skills that are required to effectively plan for, mitigate, and respond to public crises of all shapes and sizes.

Networking Opportunities. The program incorporates guest speakers, off-site trips, and professional events, providing students with access to industry leaders and seasoned practitioners.

CAREERS

Georgetown's Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management prepares students for a wide range of careers. Graduates will be able to apply the broad leadership competencies and strategic mindset needed to make decisions in uncertain situations, effectively communicate with and manage diverse teams, and leverage best practices to support planning, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts in the face of emergencies and disasters.



CURRICULUM

The Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management requires 33 total credits (11 courses) to complete.

Core Courses (Required)

6 credits

- Ethics
- Capstone

Foundation Courses (Required)

12 credits

- Theory and Legal Framework
- Project Management and Budgeting
- Risk Perception Awareness
- GIS for Emergency Management

Electives

15 credits

- Natural Hazards and Disasters
- Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism
- International Humanitarian Disasters
- Socio-Cultural Dimensions of Emergency Management
- Quantitative and Qualitative Methods
- Hazard Mitigation Planning

See the MPS-EDM website for a complete listing of elective courses.

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MASTER'S DEGREE IN
Emergency
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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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