



SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Secure a Future in the Safety of Others

National University's Bachelor of Science degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management (BS-HSEM) provides a solid foundation in the security issues, practices, politics, and cultures of terrorism; best practices to cope with a pending emergency; and operations during, and recovery from, an emergency. The degree also focuses on the management aspects of disasters and emergencies, developing well-rounded decision makers with a background in leadership and ethics. Students will conduct research on various government and private sector entities and report on suggested improvements in preparing for an emergency. The program prepares graduates to work in a variety of homeland security and emergency preparedness settings and capacities, such as land borders, seaports and airports, threat assessment, disaster management, crisis response planning, and management.

The BS-HSEM program is designed for students who aspire to work in the security, business continuity, and disaster management fields in the public sector (city, state, or federal governments), nonprofit organizations, and private industry. It is also appropriate for military personnel of all ranks, mid-level managers, and managers seeking promotion within the various levels of government and private industry.

Program highlights:

- Entire program can be completed online
- Learn to direct management strategies for preparing for and responding to emergencies and disasters
- Examine security issues and the practices, politics, and cultures of terrorism
- Hone your decision-making skills
- Prior learning credit available

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MAJOR IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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The BS-HSEM program is composed of eleven core courses and five electives offered in accelerated one-month onsite and online formats. As an introduction, students are offered a broad overview of security management, current issues in homeland security, and the culture and politics of terrorists. The remaining five courses expose the student to direct management strategies for preparing for emergencies and responding to disasters including related ethical issues. Together these courses provide a theoretical and practical foundation for managing security issues and addressing emergencies.

Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management / Master of Criminal Justice Transition Program

Students who are currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management program and have at least a GPA of 3.0 and are within six courses of graduation, may register for the BS-HSEM/MCJ transition program by asking their admission advisor to submit a plan change into the transition program and by taking any two MCJ classes as electives during the BS-HSEM program. To be eligible, students must apply for and begin the MCJ program within six months of completing their BS-HSEM program. Students may choose up to two of the MCJ courses that do not require a prerequisite.

For students in the BS-HSEM/MCJ transition program, the University will waive two graduate-level criminal justice courses taken as part of the bachelor's degree, but these students must still meet the residency requirements for the MCJ.

Bachelor of Science Homeland Security and Emergency Management / Master of Public Administration Transition Program

Students who are currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management program and have at least a GPA of 3.0 and are within six courses of graduation, may register for the BS-HSEM/MPA transition program by asking their admission advisor to submit a plan change into the transition program and by taking two MPA classes as electives during the BS-HSEM program. To be eligible, students must apply for and begin the MPA program within six months of completing their BS-HSEM program. Students may choose up to two of the graduate-level public administration courses with the exception of PAD 631 and PAD 644.

For students in the BS-HSEM/MPA transition program, the university will waive two graduate-level public administration courses taken as part of the bachelor's degree, but these students must still meet the residency requirements for the MPA.

Bachelor of Science Homeland Security and Emergency Management / Master of Science Homeland Security and Emergency Management Transition Program

Students who are currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management program and have at least a GPA of 3.0 and are within six courses of graduation may register for the BS-HSEM/MS-HSEM transition program by asking their admission advisor to submit a plan change into the transition program and by taking two MS-HSEM classes as electives during the BS-HSEM program. To be eligible, students must apply for and begin the MS-HSEM program within six months of completing their BS-HSEM program. Students may choose up to two of the graduate-level HSEM courses with the exception of HSE 690A and HSE690B.

For students in the BS-HSEM/MS-HSEM transition program, the university will waive two graduate-level HSEM courses taken as part of the bachelor's degree, but these students must still meet the residency requirements for the MS-HSEM.

Elective Option: Emergency Medical Technician Certificate

As part of meeting the elective unit requirement, students have the option to complete an Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (2 courses; 6 quarter units*). This certificate of completion provides entry-level basic knowledge, essential skills, and an understanding of emergency medical assistance in outpatient and emergency settings. Students will be prepared to respond in various types of emergencies that require urgent medical attention to assess emergency situations, provide care that can save a life, and transport patients to a hospital. The EMT program suitably supplements the "B."S. in Homeland Security and Emergency Management by training students in best practices to cope with pending emergency operations during response and recovery from an emergency. The EMT program also focuses on the management aspects of disasters and emergencies and the development of well-rounded decision makers with a background in leadership and ethics. Please contact the Division of Extended Learning at extlearning@nu.edu for more detailed information.

*Please note additional units will be required to meet the total of 22.5 quarter units of upper-division electives.

Supervised Senior Project Information

The Supervised Senior Project is designed to be a comprehensive project. Therefore, students should schedule HSE 490 toward the end of their degree program. The minimum requirements are the completion of at least 27 quarter units of the major requirements in the HSEM program.

To complete the project satisfactorily, students apply extensive effort in research and writing over a period of two months. Due to the time and effort required for this project, it is recommended that students dedicate themselves to the completion of this project without academic distraction.

Students who do not complete the Supervised Senior Project within the two-month period are eligible, at the discretion of the instructor, to receive a grade of "IP" which allows 12 months from the start date of the class for the student to complete. Students who do not complete the project by the end of the specified time period will need to retake HSE 490. No grade of "I" (Incomplete) can be given for this course.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Apply relevant criticism in sustained analysis and interpretations of security management thinking.
- Evaluate emergency disaster pre-plans, recovery plans, and after-action reports.
- Engage in informed critical discussion, both oral and written, pertaining to domestic security management and past breaches of security within the United States.
- Apply analytical skills in approaching ethical dilemmas and implications of technology and other areas faced in government and private industry.
- Describe the political and religious implications of the terrorist climate.
- Describe and analyze the role groups and teams have in organizations as they relate to addressing homeland security, and emergency management issues.
- Describe the roles local, state and federal government agencies have in addressing homeland security and emergency management issues.
- Develop written, oral communication and critical thinking skills.

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Science with a major in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as described below, 76.5 quarter units must be completed at the upper-division level, 45 quarter units must be completed in residence at National University and a minimum of 70.5 units of the University General Education requirements must be completed. In the absence of transfer credit, students may need to take additional general electives to satisfy the total units for the degree. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information on admission and evaluation. All students receiving an undergraduate degree in Nevada are required by state law to complete a course in Nevada Constitution.

Requirements for the Major

(11 courses; 49.5 quarter units)

HSE 401	Domestic Security Management
PAD 400	Intro to Public Administration
LED 410	Leading Diverse Groups & Teams
CJA 467	Intl. & Domestic Terrorism
HSE 475	Interviewing and Interrogation
HSE 420	Information Security
HSE 430	Border-Transportation Security

For complete program information, see the National University Catalog 82, effective 10/2018.

HSE 440 Crisis Management
HSE 470 Legal Issues of Security
HSE 444 Disaster Management
HSE 490 Supervised Senior Project
Prerequisite: Students must have fulfilled all General Education, Core, and Elective courses requirements prior to beginning this course.

Upper Division Electives

(5 courses; 22.5 quarter units)

Students are strongly recommended to choose elective courses listed below to complete this requirement:

CYB 453 Network Defense
BKM 400 Business Knowledge Mgmt. Strat.
EMTX2381X EMT I Basic (3 quarter units)
Prerequisite: BLS HCP (CPR) Cert.
EMTX2382X EMT II Basic (3 quarter units)
Prerequisite: EMTX 2381X with a minimum grade of "B"
HED 311 Health Literacy
ITM 340 IT Clients Using MS Windows
ITM 345 IT Servers Using Linux
LAW 445 Administrative Law for Busines
LED 430 Conflict/Negotiation for Ldrs.
MGT 451 Production & Ops Management I
MKT 302A Marketing Fundamentals