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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Prepare, Respond, and Recover

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Program highlights:

- Entire program can be completed online
- Learn to employ risk analysis to assess the safety and security of assets and processes
- Examine the issues related to safety and security in both natural and man-made disasters
- Integrate tools and techniques, resources, organizational systems, and decision-making processes for successful implementation of safety and security plans

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MSHSEM Transition Program

National University students who completed a transition program as part of their undergraduate degree and who satisfy MSHSEM transition program requirements described in the catalog must complete a minimum of 45 quarter units for their MSHSEM degree. Up to nine quarter units may be earned in a transition program. The number of units required for the MSHSEM program is dependent on the coursework completed in the Bachelor's transition program and the grades earned.

For students in the BS in Homeland Security and Emergency Management/MS in Homeland Security and Emergency Management program, the University will waive up to two homeland security and emergency management courses taken as part of the bachelor's degree (see the BS in Homeland Security and Emergency Management/BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Bachelor of Public Administration transition program), but these students must still meet the residency requirements for the MS in Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The number of courses waived is dependent on the courses taken and grades earned in the transition program.

Program Learning Outcomes

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

- Illustrate the issues related to homeland security of both natural and man-made disasters.
- Integrate tools, resources and organizational systems for the successful implementation of homeland security and emergency management issues.
- Formulate global mindset to terrorism, homeland security, and emergency management issues.
- Assess the impact of security issues for the operation of the public and private sectors with respect to manmade and natural disasters.
- Integrate resources, organizational systems, and decision-making processes for the successful implementation of homeland security and emergency management plans.
- Assess the impact of communications and the media on terrorism, homeland security, and emergency management messaging.
- Analyze the impact of national immigration policy on homeland security issues.
- Critique legal and ethical issues in homeland security and emergency management.
- Master oral and written communication skills appropriate to this profession.

Degree Requirements

To be awarded a Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, students must complete at least 54 quarter units of graduate work. A total of 13.5 quarter units of graduate credit may be granted for equivalent graduate work completed at another institution, as it applies to this degree and provided the units were not used in earning another advanced degree. Students should refer to the section on graduate admission requirements for specific information regarding application and evaluation.

Core Requirements

(12 courses; 54 quarter units)

HSE 613	Policies of Homeland Security
HSE 614	Infrastructure Protection
HSE 640	Leading Complex Environments
HSE 625	Domestic Terrorism
HSE 611	Emergency/Disaster Response
HSE 615	Fundamentals of Recovery
HSE 606	Managing Information Security
HSE 635	Communication and Security
HSE 620	Global Lessons in Security
HSE 630	Immigration Issues in Security

HSE 690A Capstone Course
Prerequisite: Completion of at least six core courses of the program and HSE 690A with a minimum grade of S. Students must complete HSE690A before starting HSE690B.

HSE 690B Capstone Course
Prerequisite: HSE 690A with a minimum grade of S and completion of at least six core courses of the program.