



# Emergency Management and Homeland Security

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The Department of Public and International Affairs offers a variety of courses in emergency management and homeland security. This concentration addresses policy, planning, security, organizational, and management issues in the field of emergency preparedness and homeland security. Course selections are structured to enhance the capabilities of diverse federal, state, local, and volunteer agencies, and the public and private sectors to minimize the impact of disasters on the American public with an emphasis on how the various elements work together in emergencies to save lives and protect property. Electives are designed to address public management issues across the four major phases of emergency management – planning, response, recovery and mitigation.

## Admission Requirements

- Graduate application (available online) <http://admissions.gmu.edu/common/onapps.asp>
- Application fee of \$60 (paid via credit card online)
- Two copies of official transcripts from each institution attended
- Resume listing work experience and volunteer activity
- Three letters of recommendation (from professional or academic contacts)
- Statement of professional goals (usually two pages)
- Entrance exam scores – test scores from the GRE, GMAT, or LSAT are required. However, if applicant's cumulative GPA is 3.3 or higher, or if applicant holds a previous masters degree from a US institution, they may request a waiver of the exam requirement. To do so, include a one-page letter to the admissions committee requesting a waiver of the entrance exam based on one of the two criteria listed above.
- TOEFL or IELTS exam is required for all non-native English speakers regardless of current residence.

## **The MPA with a Concentration in Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

The MPA is a 36-credit hour degree program. There are eight required courses (24 credit hours) and four electives (12 credit hours). Students choose the four electives that are best suited to their career goal.

### Required MPA Courses

PUAD 502 Introduction to Public and Nonprofit Orgs  
PUAD 611 Problem Solving and Data Analysis I  
PUAD 620 Organization Theory & Mgmt. Behavior  
PUAD 640 Public Policy Process  
PUAD 700 Ethics and Public Administration  
PUAD 703 Third Party Governance

Choice of **one** second methodology course:

PUAD 612 Problem Solving and Data Analysis II  
PUAD 613 Economic Analysis in Public Administration  
PUAD 741 Policy Analysis  
PUAD 742 Program Evaluation

Choice of **one** financial management course:

PUAD 660 Accounting and Finance  
PUAD 662 National Budgeting  
PUAD 663 State and Local Budgeting  
PUAD 664 Nonprofit Financial Management

### Elective Courses in Emergency Management and Homeland Security

BIOD 723 Legal Dimensions of Homeland Security  
BIOD 750 Public Health & Emergency Preparedness & Response  
BIOD 752 Role of the Military in Homeland Security  
PUAD 630 Emergency Planning and Preparedness  
PUAD 631 Disaster Response Operations and Recovery  
PUAD 632 Homeland Security: Terrorism, Threat and Vulnerability Analysis  
PUAD 634 Management of International Security  
PUAD 635 Emergency Management: Interagency Communication and Coordination  
PUAD 727 Seminar in Risk Assessment and Decision Making  
PUAD 731 Homeland Security: Transportation Security Administration  
PUAD 738 Issues in International Security  
PUAD 794 Internship  
PUAD 796 Directed Reading and Research  
COMM 637 Risk Communication  
PUBP 742 Transportation Safety and Security  
PUBP 754 Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis for Public Policy  
PUBP 758 Global Threats and Medical Policies

## **Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

Certificates are awarded after completion of five graduate courses. Three courses are required and two courses are electives.

### Emergency Management and Homeland Security Certificate

Required:

- PUAD 502 Introduction to Public and Nonprofit Orgs
  - PUAD 630 Emergency Planning and Preparedness
  - PUAD 632 Homeland Security: Terrorism, Threat and Vulnerability Analysis
- Plus two Emergency Mgmt and Homeland Security Electives