



Master of Science in

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Earn a Respected Degree Built for Working Adults and Backed by Purdue

Issues related to homeland security and emergency management make headlines every day. This is your moment. Don't just go back to school — come back stronger and more prepared to lead, protect, and serve in your community. With a master's degree from Purdue Global, you'll develop the expertise and credentials to advance your career in this rewarding field, safeguard the public, and empower others to do the same.



Why Study Homeland Security and Emergency Management at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and employers will respect. Achieve more in the public safety field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Expert Faculty

Learn from criminal justice, emergency services, and education experts who are practicing professionals in the field. All faculty possess doctorate degrees and relevant industry credentials.

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

A Community Made for Comebacks

Join a wide network of students, alumni, faculty, and employers. As one of the largest providers of public safety programs in the U.S., we know what it takes to move the careers of dedicated professionals like you forward.¹

Nationally Ranked and Respected

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue is ranked #16 most innovative company in the world alongside Open AI, NASA, and Microsoft.²



Additional academy training and education not provided by Purdue Global may be required for law enforcement positions.

Curriculum

The cross-disciplinary curriculum intersects criminal justice, social science, public policy, leadership, and business. Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts, to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

Courses

- Applied Research in Criminal Justice
- Socially Responsible Leadership
- Crisis and Emergency Management Fundamentals
- Homeland Security Policies, Principles, Procedures, and Plans
- Planning and Operations in Crisis and Emergency Management
- Mitigation and Preparedness Issues for Emergency Management
- Crisis Intervention

Applied Research Project

A hands-on final project enables you to put your learning to work by analyzing real-world homeland security and emergency management issues and challenges.

Program Outcomes

- **Public Value:** Apply knowledge of practice in homeland security and emergency management to make effective decisions that create public value in diverse and dynamic situations.
- **Ethical Decision-Making:** Evaluate the social and ethical implications of decisions made to protect people and property.
- **Innovation:** Innovate to address complex and multidimensional homeland security and emergency management global challenges to propose solutions.
- **Knowledge Base:** Evaluate and apply theoretical foundations, current knowledge, and legal doctrine in homeland security and emergency management.
- **Diversity:** Assess cultural, individual, and role differences of constituents and stakeholders.
- **Leadership:** Apply principles of leadership to shape change and improve homeland security and emergency management policy and practices.
- **Research Methods:** Evaluate current qualitative and quantitative research on current knowledge and developing trends in the profession.
- **Organizational Behavior and Management:** Apply organizational behavior and management theories to day-to-day operations within the profession.

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 45

Program Length: 1 year of full-time study

Course Load: 2 courses per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Additional Programs

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Legal Studies



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Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

- Employment of emergency management directors is expected to grow from 2023–2033. The importance of preparing for and minimizing the risks from emergencies will help sustain demand, and upper-level positions in the industry are expected to be highly sought after.³
- Employment in the disaster relief industry more than doubled between 1990 and 2017, with continued growth projected through 2026.⁴

Career Pathways and Outcomes⁵

Roles

- Emergency management system director
- Emergency management program specialist
- Emergency service director
- Emergency response team leader
- Hazard mitigation officer
- Criminal investigator/special agent
- First-line supervisor of police and detectives
- General or operations manager

Settings/Industries

Pursue management-level positions with Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state, and local agencies, or within private-sector consulting companies. Career opportunities:

- Emergency preparedness and response
- Border and transportation security
- Infrastructure protection
- Information analysis
- Homeland defense
- Emergency management, service, and response
- Hazard mitigation

Tasks That Graduates May Perform

- Investigate violations of federal law
- Conduct sensitive national security investigations and/or surveillance
- Monitor court-authorized wiretaps
- Examine business records
- Investigate white-collar crime
- Participate in sensitive undercover assignments
- Enforce and investigate violations of federal firearms and explosives laws, as well as federal alcohol and tobacco tax regulations
- Enforce laws governing imports and exports

Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists offers the following services:

- Job search and networking support
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

International Fire Service Accreditation Congress

This degree is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

- 1 Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2018-2019 Total Degrees and Certificates Conferred, First Major, Criminology; Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Protective Services, nces.ed.gov/IPEDS. Based on total number of degrees and certificates granted by Purdue Global compared to other Title IV institutions.
- 2 Source: www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2023. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 3 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Protective Service Occupations and Emergency Management Directors. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 4 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Careers in disaster relief*, Elka Torpey, July 2018.
- 5 Local, state, and federal law enforcement jobs may require additional training or education including additional state-approved higher education beyond the Purdue Global degree. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.

Purdue Global's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, the University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary by organization. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions.