

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## LEAD, PROTECT, AND SERVE IN THE CHANGING WORLD OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Environmental disasters, terrorism, espionage, a crisis at our borders—stories like these make headlines every day. The field of homeland security demands qualified leaders and public servants who are driven to protect the public and lead others to do the same. Purdue University Global's online master's degree helps you develop the expertise and credentials to advance in this important and challenging field.

# WHY STUDY HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

## ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Earn your degree 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

## FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from experienced criminal justice and emergency services professionals. All professors possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

## ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours. You will also have access to the Graduate Resource Center and no-cost tutoring. Academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

## DISTINGUISHED. EXPERIENCED. COMMITTED.

Join a wide network of students, alumni, faculty, and employers. As one of the largest providers of public safety programs in the United States,<sup>1</sup> we've supported the career and educational advancement of many dedicated professionals like yourself.

## 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 University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.<sup>2</sup>



# 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

- Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- Critical Issues in Terrorism
- Applied Research in Criminal Justice
- Academic and Professional Communications in Public Safety
- Crisis and Emergency Management Fundamentals
- Homeland Security Policies, Principles, Procedures, and Plans
- Risk, Vulnerability, and Capability Assessment Methods
- 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:** Critically 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:** 55

**Program Length:** Less than 18 months of full-time study

**Course Load:** 1 per term (2 with dean's approval)

**Terms:** 6 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Every 6 to 7 weeks

"This program is designed to prepare students to serve a leadership role in preparing communities in an 'all-hazards' approach to potential human-made and natural hazards within the community."

### Mike Brackin, EdD

Associate Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences<sup>3</sup>



## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

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

# CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment of emergency management directors is expected to grow from 2018 to 2028. 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.<sup>4</sup>
- Employment in the disaster relief industry more than doubled between 1990 and 2017, with continued growth projected through 2026.<sup>5</sup>
- Employment in the protective service field as a whole is also projected to grow through 2028.<sup>4</sup>

## CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES<sup>6</sup>

### 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

## CAREER SERVICES

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

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at [HLCCommission.org](http://HLCCommission.org) or call 800-621-7440.

## Military Friendly

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

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **[PurdueGlobal.edu](http://PurdueGlobal.edu)**.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

1 Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2016-2017 Total Degrees and Certificates Conferred, First Major, Criminal Justice and Corrections, and Fire Protection, [nces.ed.gov/IPEDS](http://nces.ed.gov/IPEDS). Based on total number of degrees and certificates granted by Kaplan University compared to other Title IV institutions. Note: these data were reported prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global.

2 Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states). Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

3 This testimonial was obtained by Purdue University Global. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.

4 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.

5 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Careers in disaster relief*, Elka Torpey, July 2018.

6 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.