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
One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among Fast Company magazine’s prestigious World’s Most Innovative Companies.
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
- Socially Responsible Leadership
- Crisis and Emergency Management Fundamentals
- 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: 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
Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

- Employment of emergency management directors is expected to grow from 2022 to 2032. 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 Outcomes\(^5\)

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 the 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

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

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

Military Friendly

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International Fire Service Accreditation Congress

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

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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 Most Innovative Companies: https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
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.