Bachelor of Science in

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Come Back Stronger, Ready to Lead in Challenging Times

This is your time. Your moment. Earn your bachelor’s degree and gain the emergency services and disaster management expertise to pursue leadership positions in this important field. You’ll gain practical knowledge and skills in disaster planning, disaster response, technology, human resource management, and fiscal responsibility. You’ll also build strong planning and decision-making capabilities. Be prepared for whatever comes next for our world, your career, and your life.
Why Study 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 one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the emergency management field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Your Experience Counts as College Credit
It’s time to get the recognition you deserve. Transfer up to 75% of your bachelor’s degree requirements to graduate sooner and save on tuition.1

Expert Faculty
Learn from professionals with extensive experience in emergency management and public safety. Many faculty currently work in the field — they understand your career requirements, the challenges you face, and what it takes to get ahead.

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.

Introductory Trial Period
Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks — before you owe any tuition. That’s the Purdue Global Commitment.3

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.4

Move Your Career and Education Forward
Gain Skills and Competencies That Make You Stand Out to Employers

- Evaluate the ethical, social, civic, cultural, and political issues that directly affect emergency management and disaster planning services.
- Analyze the distinct characteristics of global emergency management and disaster planning.
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of operational, strategic, and tactical emergency management decisions and disaster management planning.
- Examine the psychological effects of emergency management.
- Use analytical tools to evaluate research about emergency management and disaster planning.
- Explore how technology informs operational, strategic, and tactical decision-making.
Curriculum

This comprehensive curriculum builds your skills and increases your knowledge of all stages of the emergency management life cycle. You’ll also develop the necessary technical, fiscal, and human resources abilities to elevate your career. The curriculum is continually reviewed and revised by our industry experts, curriculum department, and advisory board to ensure it reflects the most up-to-date developments and advances in the field.

Sample Courses

- Preparedness and Planning for Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Exercise Design and Evaluation
- Mitigation and Risk Assessment in Emergency Management
- Disaster Policy in Emergency Management
- Strategies for Intergovernmental Effectiveness in Emergency Management

Business Foundations Concentration

With this optional concentration, you’ll gain competencies in the fundamental concepts of business administration and develop an understanding of management, marketing strategy, and financial performance.

Program Detail

Credits Hours: 180
Program Length: 4 years
Course Load: 2–3 courses per term
Completion Time: 2–4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor’s degree graduates in 2021–2022 was 2.1 years.)
Terms: 10 weeks long
Delivery: 100% online
Start Dates: Throughout the year

ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE OPTION

Complete both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. While you earn your bachelor’s degree, you can work toward a Purdue Global master’s degree in one of the following areas:

- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- Higher Education
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Human Services
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Public Administration
- Psychology
Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment for emergency management directors is expected to increase through 2031. Grow your career in the government, private, and nonprofit sectors, and help local and global communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

Career Pathways and Outcomes

Roles
- Emergency management coordinator
- Emergency management system (EMS) director
- Emergency planner
- Emergency preparedness coordinator
- Emergency services director
- Public safety director

Settings
- Colleges and universities
- Emergency medical services
- Emergency services organizations
- Emergency preparedness agencies
- Disaster relief organizations
- Fire departments
- Hospitals
- Municipal and state government agencies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Private businesses

Center for Career Advancement
Our Career Specialists offer 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.

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

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For comprehensive consumer information, visit info.purdueglobal.edu.

1. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit from any of these sources. See the University Catalog for Prior Learning policy.
2. May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrack™ pricing.
3. Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
5. Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2021-2022 and applied eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of $34,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without prior learning credit. Calculation based on total prior learning credit times standard cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy. Source: Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022, 2021–2022 academic year.
6. The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about admissions requirements and transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy.
8. Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience, and opportunities for employment. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions. May require additional certification or training. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.