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

Affordable Tuition
You can lower the cost of your education through military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.¹² You’re worth the investment.

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:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- Higher Education
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Human Services
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Psychology
- Public Administration
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.

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