BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PROTECTING SOCIETY IS MORE THAN A CAREER—IT’S A CALLING

Environmental disasters, terrorism, espionage—threats like these make headlines every day. Purdue University Global’s degree program prepares you to pursue leadership roles managing all aspects of modern fire, EMS, and emergency preparedness agencies. Be ready to take on new and emerging challenges in areas such as human resources, technology, and fiscal responsibility. The degree program is closely based on the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) curriculum model and is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).
WHY STUDY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. This program is ideal if you’re in the fire or emergency management field and work unconventional hours. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

CREDIT FOR YOUR EXPERIENCE AND INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS
Receive credit for up to 75% of your degree for previously completed courses, professional learning, and certifications.¹ We work closely with fire academies and fire service associations to make earning your degree as affordable and efficient as possible.

IAFF PARTNERSHIP AND TUITION REDUCTION
Purdue Global partners with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to provide members, staff, and immediate family members a significant tuition reduction.²

FACULTY ARE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD
Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in public safety, emergency management, and fire services. Many currently work in the field—they understand your career requirements and the challenges you face.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and office hours, 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

Purdue Global is one of the largest providers of public safety programs in the United States.⁵

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER AND YOUR EDUCATION

PREPARE FOR LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
The general public and government appointees are demanding higher levels of training and education for those who lead our nation’s first response teams during catastrophic disasters, terrorist incidents, and typical emergencies. Prepare to meet this demand.

ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE OPTION
Work toward a Purdue Global master’s degree in public administration, educational psychology, human services, legal studies, or psychology while you earn your bachelor’s degree.⁶ Earn both degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately.
The career-focused curriculum is designed for emergency services personnel who want to increase their administrative and management knowledge. The courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

**COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Preparedness and planning
- Crisis management in terrorist attacks and disasters
- Community risk reduction
- Recovery practices
- Fire prevention, organization, and management
- Political, ethical, and legal foundations of emergency services
- Leadership and management
- Personnel and human resources management
- Mitigation and risk assessment
- Disaster policy

**Capstone Project**
A final, hands-on capstone allows you to build your resume, gain real-world skills, and put your knowledge into action.

**PROGRAM DETAIL**

- **Credit Hours:** 180
- **Completion Time:** 2–4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor’s degree graduates in 2019–2020 was 2 years.)
- **Course Load:** 1–2 courses per term
- **Terms:** 10 weeks long
- **Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**GAIN THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND**

- Understand the ethical, social, civic, cultural, behavioral, economic, and political issues of global emergency and disaster planning.
- Develop a comprehensive program for operational and strategic emergency management decisions and materials management.
- Oversee the design and management of disaster and fire defense planning.
- Appraise the psychological effects of emergency services, safety, and survival.
- Evaluate fire and emergency situations and scenarios.
- Use technology to inform and enhance operational and strategic emergency management decisions.
- Analyze fire-related human behavior and the psychological effects of fire dynamics.

**ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**

- Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Master in Public Administration

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“The fire service [industry] has been experiencing rapid changes, and the duties and responsibilities placed upon the individuals within each department must adapt and evolve to meet these new challenges. Formal education is critical to individual and departmental success in the future. A degree from the University could provide the formal education that an individual can immediately put to use in his/her department for this service of their community.”

*Jake Rhoades*
Faculty Member
Fire Chief for the Kingman Fire Department, Kingman, AZ

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment of emergency management directors is expected to grow from 2019 to 2029. The importance of preparing for and minimizing the risks from emergencies will help sustain demand, and vital positions in the industry are expected to be highly sought-after.8
- Employment in the disaster relief industry more than doubled between 1990 and 2017, with continued growth projected through 2026.9
- Employment in the protective service field as a whole is also projected to grow through 2029.9
- Many fire departments require a bachelor's degree for positions higher than battalion chief.8

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES10

Roles

- Emergency management program manager/director
- Emergency management planner
- Risk management professional
- Fire department chief or manager
- Municipal firefighting and prevention supervisor
- Fire inspector
- Fire investigator

Settings

- Emergency services organizations
- Emergency medical service
- Emergency preparedness agencies
- Fire departments

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

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 Assessment 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. 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.
6. The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment policy.
7. The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2019–2020 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2020.
8. This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as developed and used by Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; experiences may vary.
11. Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. 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. This program prepares students to acquire the breadth of knowledge required to pursue positions in a variety of fields, depending on the concentration chosen.