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Bachelor of Science in

FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Come Back Stronger, Ready to Move Your Career Forward

Protecting society is more than a career — it's a calling. And this is your time to answer the call. Environmental disasters, terrorism, espionage — threats like these make headlines every day, and they demand dedicated professionals skilled enough to manage them. Our program equips you to do just that. Prepare for leadership roles managing modern fire, EMS, and emergency preparedness agencies, or to take on new and emerging opportunities 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?

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 fire and emergency management field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Your Experience and Certifications Count as Credit

It's time to get the recognition you deserve. Receive credit for up to 75% of your degree for prior coursework, professional learning, and certifications.¹ We work closely with fire academies and fire service associations to make earning your degree more affordable and efficient.

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, 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

An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue is ranked #16 most innovative company in the world alongside Open AI, NASA, and Microsoft.⁴



Recognized by the U.S.
Fire Administration as an
Official **FESHE** Institution



IFSAC
Accredited
Program

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.

Get a Head Start on Your Master's Degree

Complete your master's degree sooner with a graduate program pathway. It weaves graduate-level courses into your bachelor's program, giving you a jump on your master's degree requirements. You'll save on time and tuition compared with finishing both programs separately.

Plus, your degrees don't have to be in the same fields. You can customize your academic journey to support your career goals and interests. To learn more, view the University Catalog or connect with an Advisor.⁵

Curriculum

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

Business Foundations Concentration

- Gain competencies in the fundamental concepts of business administration. Develop an understanding of the four functions of management, the components of a marketing strategy, and the financial performance of an organization.

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 2021–2022 was 2.1 years.)⁶

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.



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Additional Programs

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

Career 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 vital positions in the industry are expected to be highly sought-after.⁷
- Employment in the disaster relief industry more than doubled between 1990 and 2017, with continued growth projected through 2026.⁸
- Employment in the protective service field as a whole is also projected to grow through 2031.⁷
- Many fire departments require a bachelor's degree for positions higher than battalion chief.⁷

Career Pathways and Outcomes⁹

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 (HLCcommission.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. See the University Catalog for Prior Learning policy.

2 May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrack™ pricing. Tuition rates are subject to change at Purdue Global's discretion at any time and, as a result, the tuition price may change.

3 Students who inform Purdue Global they do not wish to pursue the program during the 3-week trial will not be charged. Students who choose to continue at Purdue Global will be billed for the full first term's tuition, including the 3-week trial, and will need to meet other specific requirements. Classes will be applied toward a degree if satisfactorily completed and students select to continue their studies at Purdue Global. 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. Graduate programs and BS in Professional Flight not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.

4 Source: www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

5 Estimated graduation date is based on the assumption that you will enroll in time to begin classes on the next upcoming start date, will remain enrolled for each consecutive term, and will maintain satisfactory academic standing in each term to progress toward completion of your program. Completion time is based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.

To start a Graduate Program Pathway, students should consult with their Student Advisor to confirm eligibility. Not all Graduate Program Pathways are available on all tracks, and some may require students to meet academic standards to continue taking graduate courses in their bachelor's degree program. Visit the University Catalog for more information.

6 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2021–2022 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022.

7 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Emergency Management Directors, Firefighters, and Protective Service Occupations. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

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

9 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.