

Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Step-up/online Option, Leadership Track, Bachelor of Science Degree (223500ZBS)

The following information has official approval of The University of Akron's College of Health and Human Sciences but is intended only as a guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, and prerequisites, among others. The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your Academic Advisor.

This program prepares students who have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours in subjects including, but not limited to, fire protection, criminal justice, community services, environmental health and safety, or other related areas to enter the field of emergency management in either the public or private sectors. Students will acquire specialized knowledge in preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery in regard to an all-hazards approach. **Students without the above coursework must meet with the program director or an academic adviser to discuss required "bridge" coursework.**

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. If a course is not specified, refer to the General Education webpage at <https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/general-education/>. The College of Health and Human Sciences recommends that students take the General Education courses listed in this curriculum guide. Transfer students should consult their Advisor to identify courses that are equivalent.

Year 3 Fall	Prerequisite
EMHS:305 Principles of Emergency Management (3)	(Note a)
EMHS:340 Disaster Research Methods (3)	
EMHS:360 Introduction to Terrorism (3) (Note a)	EMHS:305, co-requisite
STAT:250 Statistics for Everyday Life (4)	Placement by Advisor
SOCIO:243 Contemporary Global Issues (3) Fulfills Global Diversity Tag	
Total Credits = 16	

Year 3 Spring	Prerequisite
EMHS:350 Disaster Preparedness/ Response (3)	EMHS305
EMHS:370 Hazard Science and Management (3)	
HIST:210 Humanities in the Western Tradition (4) -OR- HIST:221 Humanities in the World Since 1300 (4) Each Course Fulfills Critical Thinking Tag	32 credits and completion of ENGL:112 or ENGL:222 or permission
COMM:330 Principles of Organizational Leadership (3)	60 credits and admitted to program
SOWK:244 Death and Dying (3) Fulfills Domestic Diversity Tag -OR- Other Domestic Diversity Tag Course,	ENGL:112 or equivalent
Total Credits = 15-16	

Year 4 Fall	Prerequisite
COMM:334 Leadership Principles and Practices (3)	COMM:330 pre/co requisite
EMHS:401 – Crisis Leadership (3)	
EMHS:365 Disaster Mitigation (3)	EMHS:305
PHIL:120 Introduction to Ethics (3)	
EMHS:367 Disaster Recovery (3)	EMHS:305
ART:210 Visual Arts Awareness (3) -OR- MUSIC:201 Exploring Music, Bach to Rock (3) -OR- DANC:200 Viewing Dance (3) -OR- Arts Requirement (3) (Note c)	
Total Credits = 18	

Policy Alert: By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your REQUIRED General Education English, Mathematics, and Communications (Speech) requirements.

You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.0 to graduate with this degree.

Program Contact

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Year 4 Spring	Prerequisite
EMHS:495 Emergency Management & Homeland Security Internship (3) (Note d)	30 hours in program and have Program Director Approval.
EMHS:420 Disaster Vulnerability (3)	EMHS:305
COMM:431 Operational Assessment and Improvement (3)	COMM:330, COMM:334 & STAT:250
<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	<i>Must fulfill remaining university requirement of 7 credits, including 1 lab</i>
EMHS:490 Current Topic (3-6) (Note b) -OR- EMHS:XXX Approved Emergency Management Electives (3-6)	EMHS:305 & EMHS:350
<i>Complex Systems Tag Requirement (3)</i>	
Total Credits = 18-22	

Total Credits for Degree = 120 minimum (including 1st and 2nd year credits)

Notes:

- Traditionally offered Fall only (see program contact).
- A student must take 3 to 6 credits in either EMHS:490 Current Topics or EMHS:XXX Emergency Management and Homeland Security electives for a minimum of 6 credits.
- This Arts course must be part of the Ohio Transfer Module.
- Students should be aware that most internship sites require a background check. If students are unable to pass a background check, internship placement cannot be guaranteed. Accordingly, job placement will be difficult. Please meet with the Program Lead to discuss this.

Career Information

The bachelor's degree in Emergency Management and Homeland Security prepares students to enter and advance in the field of emergency management through the acquisition of specialized knowledge of disaster planning, preparedness, emergency response, mitigation and recovery. As a "Step-Up" degree, it is built upon strong technical programs. Service learning is incorporated in course work with joint projects involving county emergency management agencies as well as schools and non-profit agencies. In addition, The University of Akron has faculty who are nationally recognized in the field of emergency management as well as geography, hazards, business, education, and leadership.

This degree program supports the primary goal of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Higher Education Project to encourage and support the implementation of emergency management education in colleges and universities across the United States. We have incorporated emergency management and homeland security research as our area of specialization which will make us unique from other programs. In addition, we teach emergency management and homeland security from a well-rounded perspective that includes the public and private sector equally.

For additional information visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics at www.bls.gov or the Career Center at the Student Union, room 211.