SAFETY, SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

GRADUATE DEGREE

Program Overview

The graduate program is designed to meet the needs of today's working professionals by providing students with the flexibility to pursue their master's degree while continuing in their current job. Learn from and interact with industry experienced faculty and professional fire science, safety and security educators, who remain involved in the safety and emergency management field.

The program offers a comprehensive curriculum that increases the student's overall knowledge, develops leadership skills and prepares students to immediately apply what is learned in the real world. It also features seven unique concentrations that allow students to focus their education on the specific area of safety, security and emergency management that most interests them.

University Certificates

Cyber & Security Management

Emergency Management & Disaster Resiliance

Occupational Safety

Construction Safety

Safety Leadership

A multidisciplinary track is available if you do not wish to pursue a university certificate.

Accreditation

Eastern Kentucky University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and this regional accrediting body is recognized by both the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the United States Department of Education (USDE). SACS accreditation allows for awarding of associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Land, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Eastern Kentucky University. The Commission on Colleges should be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement of standard.

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SSEM Curriculum
18 Core Credit Hours

SSE 815 - SSEM Administration
SSE 833 - Legislation & Legal Compliance
SSE 880 - SSE Research/Planning
SSE 826 - Emergency Prep & Response
SSE 865 - Auditing for SSEM
SSE 827 - Issues in Security Management

University Certificates:

Cyber & Security Management
12 Credit Hours

HLS 810 - Infrastructure Protection & Risk Analysis
HLS 820 - Security Intelligence
HLS 850 - Foundations of Cybersecurity Management
SSE 827 - Issues in Security Management

Emergency Mgmt & Disaster Resilience
12 Credit Hours

HLS 810 - Infrastructure Protection and Risk Analysis
HLS 830 - Achieving Long-Term Disaster Resilience.
HLS 831 - Unconventional Threats & Responses
HLS 835 - Intergovernmental Relations in Disaster Management

Occupational Safety
12 Credit Hours

SSE 828 - Industrial Safety Management
SSE 832 - Construction Safety
SSE 834 - Corporate Compliance
SSE 845 - Personal/Environmental Hazards

Construction Safety
12 Credit Hours

SSE 835 - Advanced Construction Safety
SSE 840 - Technical Construction Safety Management
SSE 832 - Construction Safety
SSE 845 - Personal / Environmental Hazards

Safety Leadership
12 Credit Hours

SSE 842 - Safety Ethics
SSE 843 - Human Resources & Change Management for Safety Professionals
SSE 815 - SSEM Administration
SSE 833 - Legislation & Legal Compliance

Graduate Program Admission

Students seeking admission to the Safety, Security & Emergency Management Graduate Program must:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning

- Achieved a 2.5 grade point average overall

- Students with an undergraduate grade point average below 2.5 will be required to sit for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and acquire a target score in three categories: Verbal 149, Quantitative 141 and Analytical Writing 3.0. Students who have previously earned advanced degrees including, but not limited to M.S., M.A., M.B.A., J.D. or other recognized graduate degrees from an accredited university will be exempt from the GRE requirement.

- Complete the Graduate School online application and pay $40 application fee

- TOEFL score of 550 for international students

- If you hold a Master's degree from an accredited school the GRE may be waived

- International transcript(s) to be evaluated by WES

Exit Requirements: Select one of the options below

Comprehensive Examination - Prerequisite: Candidate must have completed or currently taking all core classes before scheduling to sit for the comprehensive examination. Candidate shall perform satisfactorily on the written comprehensive examination on their program of study and primarily focused on the core program requirements.

Capstone Applied Research Project - Prerequisites: Complete all core courses and be in the last semester of coursework prior to graduation. Candidates are required to satisfactorily complete SSE 880, applied research project (SSE 896) before they are eligible to graduate from the program.

Information is based upon EKU's 2024 Course Catalog and is subject to change.

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