Program Overview

This 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, security and emergency management field.

The program offers a comprehensive curriculum that increases your overall knowledge, develops your leadership skills, and prepares you to immediately apply what is learned in the real world. It also features 5 unique concentrations that allow you to focus your education on the specific area of safety, security and emergency management that most interests you.

Master of Science in Safety, Security and Emergency Management Concentrations and Certificates

Concentrations and Certificates:

Occupational Safety       Emergency Management
Homeland Security        School Safety
Fire & Emergency Services

* A multidisciplinary track is available if you do not wish to pursue a concentration.

Admissions Requirements

The successful completion of the following requirements is necessary for admission to the Master of Science in Safety, Security & Emergency Management program:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning
- Complete the Graduate School online application and pay $35 application fee
- Submit official transcript from the university that granted your baccalaureate degree
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0* overall or in the last 60 hours of the baccalaureate program
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- Minimum MAT score of 375 or minimum GRE scores of 149 verbal, 141 quantitative and 3.0 analytical writing
- TOEFL score of 550 for International Students
- If you hold a Masters degree from a regionally accredited school the MAT & GRE may be waived
- International transcript(s) to be evaluated by WES

* An overall undergraduate GPA of less than 3.0 may be acceptable. Please speak with one of our enrollment advisors for full details.

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). Eastern Kentucky University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, master’s, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, 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 or standard.

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Degree Requirement – 36 credit hours

Required Core Courses

SSE 815 Safety, Security & Emergency Management Administration
SSE 833 Legislation & Legal Compliance
SSE 885 Quantitative Analysis in Safety, Security & Emergency Management
SSE 826 Emergency Preparation & Response
SSE 865 Auditing for Safety, Security & Emergency Management
SSE 827 Issues in Security Management

Transfer Credits

On a case-by-case basis, a student may petition to have graduate credit from an accredited college or university counted as the equivalent of another course in the curriculum and accepted as transfer credit. In such cases, a student will have to supply a course syllabus to ensure that the content in the course taken at another college or university is equivalent to the content of the course in the SSEM curriculum. A course with a similar name or the same name as a course offered at Eastern Kentucky University does not necessarily mean that the content of the course is similar enough to accept it as transfer credit to our program. Transfer credit courses must be graduate level courses and students must be fully admitted to the program before graduate credit from another college or university will be evaluated by the EKU Graduate School.

Concentration Electives

Occupational Safety Concentration Courses
SSE 828 Industrial Safety Management
SSE 832 Construction Safety
SSE 834 Corporate Compliance
SSE 845 Personal and Environmental Hazards

Homeland Security Concentration Courses
HLS 800 Homeland Security Policy Analysis
HLS 810 Critical Infrastructure Protection
HLS 820 Intelligence for Homeland Security
HLS 830 Hazards & Threats to Homeland Security

School Safety Concentration Courses
SSE 870 Principles of School Safety
SSE 871 Risk Management in Schools
SSE 872 Crisis Response, Management & Student Assistance
SSE 873 Program Development & Evaluation of Safety Interventions in Educational Settings

Fire and Emergency Services Concentration Courses
SSE 820 Strategic Planning for the Fire & Emergency Services
SSE 824 Leadership in Fire & Emergency Services
SSE 825 Public Sector Finance and Budgeting
SSE 829 Public Emergency Services

Emergency Management Concentration Courses
SSE 830 Business Continuity
SSE 829 Public Emergency Services
SSE 826 Emergency Preparation & Response
SSE 831 Evolution of U.S. Emergency Management

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