

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DOCTOR OF SCIENCE)

The Doctor of Science degree requires a total of 60 semester credit hours. Required coursework includes 42 hours in administration and policy, practice areas, and research methods and statistics, plus a minimum of 18 hours of dissertation credit. In addition, applicants must hold a master's degree in emergency management or a related field from a institutionally accredited school. While courses are delivered online, students are required to participate in a week-long seminar on campus once each academic year, for the first three years of their program. **All Emergency Management programs are only offered online. International students must remain in their home country to be eligible for admission to these programs.**

Upon completion of the required 42 hours of coursework, doctoral students must pass three qualifying exams. Accommodations will be made to support students with either onsite or offsite qualifying exam administration. After students have passed all three exams, they may advance to doctoral candidacy.

Doctoral candidates will complete an applied research dissertation. The candidate must enroll for a minimum of 18 hours of dissertation credit during candidacy. All requirements for the degree must be completed in ten years.

Application Deadlines

Applicants for the Doctor of Science with a major in emergency management are considered for admission for the fall semester only, and all required application materials must be received in the Graduate School by March 31.

Date	Event
March 31	Fall Admission

Applications completed after March 31 will be considered for admission in the fall semester of the following year.

Application Materials Required for the DSc with a Major in Emergency Management

Applicants for the Doctor of Science in Emergency Management degree must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited school and must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, AL 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have

previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)

4. A Statement of Purpose setting forth career goals and research interests.
5. A resume, including education, employment, and service activities.
6. Minimum one graduate reference form (up to three can be submitted; preference will be given to at least one academic reference with substantive detail) completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of applicant's potential for success in doctoral coursework and citing potential professional leadership ability. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. A Writing Sample (e.g. master's thesis, journal article, published essay, policy paper, technical document, capstone project or research papers). If you do not have such a sample available, submit a paper written in an academic setting, with a minimum length of five pages.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Admission Requirements for the DSc with a Major in Emergency Management

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

Conditional Admission

- Applicants may be admitted conditionally based upon the review by program faculty and will move to unconditional status after demonstrating satisfactory performance (i.e., maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA) during the first 12 credit hours attempted in the program.

Minimum Requirements for the DSc with a Major in Emergency Management

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the doctoral degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

Continuous Enrollment Requirement

The DSc program requires continuous enrollment in regular semesters (Fall and Spring), and all leaves of absence must be approved by the Program Director. Any breaks in continuous enrollment without an approved leave of absence will result in the student's removal from the program. A student may request readmittance when extenuating circumstances are present.

Course	Title	Credits
Integrative Seminar		
In-residence; two hours each; six hours required		
EM 8742	Integrative Seminar	2
EM 8744	Integrative Seminar	2
EM 8746	Integrative Seminar	2
Administration and Policy		
Select three of the following:		9
EM 8412	Disaster Management Principles and Practice	
EM 8414	Interdisciplinary Disaster Theory and Research	

EM 8423	Institutional Context and Emergency Management Policy	
EM 8425	Systems Thinking and Applications in Emergency Management	
Practice Areas		
Select two of the following:		6
EM 8032	Hazards Risk Management and Community Resilience	
EM 8034	Risk-Based Response and Recovery Strategy Development and Operations	
EM 8043	Emergency Management Program Management	
Research Methods and Statistics		
Select four of the following:		12
EM 8530	Research Design	
EM 8550	Advanced Data Analysis	
EM 8662	Cost-Benefit Analysis	
EM 8564	Qualitative Research	
EM 8566	Evaluation Research	
EM 8568	Directed Research	
Electives		
Select three of the following:		9
EM 8671	Voluntary and Nonprofit Disaster Management	
EM 8673	Health Care Systems in Disaster	
EM 8675	Risk Communication	
EM 8677	Crisis Leadership and Management	
EM 8678	IT Applications for Emergency Management	
EM 8679	Spatial Analysis and GIS for Emergency Management	
EM 8882	Directed Study	
Dissertation		18
EM 8999	Dissertation Research	
Total Hours		60

60 Doctoral Semester Hours Required for this Degree

Graduation

All students must apply for graduation (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.