

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 regionally 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 Graduate Studies by January 31.

Date	Event
January 31	Fall Admission

Applications completed after January 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. A Statement of Purpose setting forth career goals and research interests.
4. A resume, including education, employment, and service activities.

5. Three Graduate Reference Forms 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.
6. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
7. Official test scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) (<https://www.ets.org/gre/>) taken within five years of enrollment.
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.

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.

Course	Title	Credits
Integrative Seminar		
In-residence; two hours each; six hours required		
EM 802	Integrative Seminar (1st year)	2
EM 804	Integrative Seminar (2nd year)	2
EM 806	Integrative Seminar (3rd year)	2
Administration and Policy		
Select three of the following:		9
EM 812	Disaster Management Principles and Practice	
EM 814	Interdisciplinary Disaster Theory and Research	
EM 823	Institutional Context and Emergency Management Policy	
EM 825	Systems Thinking and Applications in Emergency Management	
Practice Areas		
Select two of the following:		6
EM 832	Hazards Risk Management and Community Resilience	
EM 834	Risk-Based Response and Recovery Strategy Development and Operations	
EM 843	Emergency Management Program Management	
Research Methods and Statistics		
Select four of the following:		12
EM 853	Research Design	
EM 855	Advanced Data Analysis	
EM 862	Cost-Benefit Analysis	
EM 864	Qualitative Research	

EM 866	Evaluation Research	
EM 868	Directed Research	
EM 869	Directed Research	
Electives		
Select three of the following:		9
EM 871	Voluntary and Nonprofit Disaster Management	
EM 873	Health Care Systems in Disaster	
EM 875	Risk Communication	
EM 877	Crisis Leadership and Management	
EM 878	IT Applications for Emergency Management	
EM 879	Spatial Analysis and GIS for Emergency Management	
EM 882	Directed Study	
EM 884	Directed Study	
EM 886	Directed Study	
Dissertation		18
EM 899	Dissertation Research (must be repeated at least six times)	
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.