

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MASTER OF SCIENCE)

Application Deadlines

Rolling Admissions. Applications are accepted throughout the year as admissions must be met before the anticipated start term.

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

Applicants for the MS with a major in Emergency Management 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, Alabama 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 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. 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 MS with a Major in Emergency Management

A particular undergraduate major is not specified for admission to the program. Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

Unconditional Admission

- Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher from a institutionally accredited institution may be unconditionally admitted.

Conditional Admission

- Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 2.50 to 2.99 from a institutionally accredited institution may be conditionally admitted.
- Any applicant with an undergraduate GPA below 2.50 who wishes to be considered for conditional admission must submit a professional resume that includes an academic history, employment information, and any voluntary/community work.
- Applicants who are awarded the Emergency Management (Graduate Certificate) program at Jacksonville State University prior to seeking admission to the MS with a major in Emergency Management program may have the minimum 2.5 undergraduate GPA admission requirement waived for conditional admission.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet

these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

Minimum Requirements for the MS with a Major in Emergency Management

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

A total of 30 graduate semester hours is required for the degree with 21 required hours of emergency management courses and nine hours of approved emergency management electives.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Emergency Management Courses		
EM 5105	Foundations of Emergency Management	3
EM 5525	Disaster Recovery	3
EM 5540	Hazard Mitigation	3
EM 5545	Emergency Preparedness	3
EM 5555	Disaster Response	3
EM 5730	Research Methods in Emergency Management	3
EM 5980	Capstone in Emergency Management	3
Electives		
Select nine hours of the following: ¹		9
EM 5611	Disasters and the Media	3
EM 5615	Legal Aspects of Emergency Management	3
EM 5621	Exercise Design and Evaluation	3
EM 5635	Terrorism and Homeland Security	3
EM 5648	Vulnerability and Capacity-Building	3
EM 5665	Management Systems in Disaster	3
EM 5668	Crisis Management for Business and Industry	3
EM 5670	Biosecurity	3
EM 5675	Medical Aspects of Emergency Management	3
EM 5679	Applications of GIS for Emergency Management	3
EM 5680	Current Issues in Homeland Security	3
EM 5681	Disaster Analysis	3
EM 5698	Emergency Management Leadership and Organizational Behavior	3
EM 5892	Advanced Radiological Incident Operations	3
EM 5895	Directed Studies	3
EM 5896	Healthcare Leadership for All Hazards Incidents	3
EM 5898	Advanced Public Information Officer for Health and Hospital Emergencies	3
EM 5956	Internship	3

30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

¹ Elective courses should be based on student interest and career objectives and are to be chosen from any 5000-level emergency management elective offerings at JSU.

Graduation and Comprehensive Exam

No comprehensive exam is required for this degree. 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.