

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. A statement of purpose/interest that shows why the MS degree is important to the applicant, what the applicant will bring to the program, and how the degree will benefit the applicant's career aspirations.
5. A professional resume including academic history, employment, and voluntary/community work.
6. 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 failing to meet the requirement for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major.
- 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 505	Foundations of Emergency Management	3
EM 525	Disaster Recovery	3
EM 530	Research Methods in Emergency Management	3
EM 540	Hazard Mitigation	3
EM 545	Emergency Preparedness	3
EM 555	Disaster Response	3
EM 590	Capstone in Emergency Management	3
Electives		
Select nine hours of the following: ¹		9
EM 511	Disasters and the Media	
EM 515	Legal Aspects of Emergency Management	
EM 521	Exercise Design and Evaluation	
EM 526	Advanced Radiological Incident Operations	
EM 535	Terrorism and Homeland Security	
EM 548	Vulnerability and Capacity-Building	
EM 565	Management Systems in Disaster	
EM 568	Crisis Management for Business and Industry	
EM 570	Biosecurity	
EM 575	Medical Aspects of Emergency Management	
EM 576	Healthcare Leadership for All Hazards Incidents	
EM 578	Advanced Public Information Officer for Health and Hospital Emergencies	
EM 580	Current Issues in Homeland Security	
EM 581	Disaster Analysis	
EM 595	Directed Studies	
EM 596	Internship	
EM 598	Emergency Management Leadership and Organizational Behavior	
Total Hours		30

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 500-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.