

Emergency & Disaster Management, MPS

Mission Statement

The Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management program prepares students for positions in emergency management through a combination of theoretical and experiential courses that focus on critical thinking, decision-making, project management, communications, and emerging technologies.

Modality

On Campus (<https://scs.georgetown.edu/programs/419/master-of-professional-studies-in-emergency-disaster-management/>) or Online (<https://scs.georgetown.edu/programs/419/online/online-masters-in-emergency-disaster-management/>)

Learning Goals

Upon completion of the MPS in Emergency & Disaster Management, students will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate the policies and practices of emergency and disaster management to generate professional recommendations for disaster prevention and future crisis management.
2. Integrate social and cultural aspects of disaster preparedness and response in designing solutions to serve and collaborate with diverse global actors in intercultural settings.
3. Develop effective practices for working within the parameters of local, state, federal, and international rules, regulations, and procedures to respond ethically, and in a humanitarian manner, to emergencies and disasters.
4. Combine theory, industry knowledge and practice, and research to create and implement a range of emergency and disaster management strategies.
5. Analyze and interpret data from a variety of reliable, credible, and valid sources to inform data-driven decision-making and resource management.
6. Creatively use relevant technologies to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from emergency situations.
7. Analyze cultural and behavioral communication perspectives to develop effective communication strategies using relevant technologies.

Licensure Disclosure

This program does not provide any professional licensure or certification, nor is it intended to prepare students to sit for any specific professional licensing or certification exam(s). Though not required, students in these programs may wish to research and seek certifications through professional organizations in their field.

Requirements

To earn an MPS in Emergency & Disaster Management, students must successfully complete the following curriculum:

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses ¹		
MPDM 5000	Ethics & Critical Dec Making	3
MPDM 7990	Capstone	3
Foundation Courses		
MPDM 5600	Theory & Legal Framework	3
MPDM 5610	Project Mgmt & Budgeting	3
MPDM 5620	Risk Perception Awareness	3
MPDM 5630	GIS for EDM	3
MPDM 5925	Methods for ED&HU Crisis Mgmt	3
Elective Courses ²		
A current list of approved Electives can be found on the SCS website.		12
Total Credits		33

¹ Each Core Course must be completed with a grade of B or better. Students who earn a B- or lower in these courses will have one opportunity to retake the courses. If a student does not earn at least a B after the second attempt, they will be terminated from the program without right of appeal.

² Ethics and all Foundation Courses must be completed before any Elective Courses are taken.