Emergency Management
+ College for Public Health and Social Justice

Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in emergency management
+ Minor in emergency management

Program Overview
Responding to disasters such as super storm Sandy, the Haiti earthquake, the Boston Marathon bombing, and the Joplin, Missouri tornado require educated and competent emergency managers and homeland security experts, and the demand for these professionals continues to rise. A degree in emergency management gives undergraduate students the skills they need to help communities prepare, prevent, respond to and recover from crisis situations. Emergency management focuses on improving community resilience to alleviate both the short- and long-term effects of natural and man-made disasters. This major focuses on multiple sectors including communication, firefighting, emergency management, public health and medical, search and rescue, hazardous materials, law enforcement, the military, social services and business continuity.

The B.S. in emergency management educates students in the areas of disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. Emergency management classes educate students on the key skills needed to work effectively in high-stress situations. Our major in emergency management brings together multiple sectors including law enforcement, the military, emergency medical services, social services and the business community.

Additional degree options include:
+ Pre-Med Track:
   For students looking to go on to medical school, this track combines traditional pre-med science requirements with emergency management courses.

+ Honors Courses:
   For students interested in the stimulating academic experiences and intellectual challenges provided by the Honors Program.

+ Minor:
   For those pursuing other majors who are also interested in emergency management, a minor will give students an understanding of the profession and the core values of the field.

About the Faculty
Classes for the emergency management major are taught by faculty members from a variety of disciplines, many of whom are seasoned professionals with decades of experience in emergency management and homeland security agencies.

Curriculum
This major combines a liberal arts curriculum with 36 credit hours of emergency management and public health courses.

Course offerings include:
+ HMP 1700: Fundamentals of Emergency Management introduces students to the fundamentals, definitions and theories of emergency management.
+ HMP 2710: Public Health Issues in Emergency Management reviews the role and capacity of public health and health care systems in disaster preparedness and response.
+ HMP 3700: Mental Health Implications of Emergency Management provides an introduction to guidelines for attending the mental health needs of disaster victims and responders.

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+ Online Master of Science (M.S.) in biosecurity and disaster preparedness
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Admission Requirements
Freshman: All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.
Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers
Although degree credit is not given for internships, students are encouraged and assisted by faculty to participate in internships to further enhance their learning experiences at Saint Louis University. Many St. Louis and national organizations are eager to involve SLU emergency management students emergency management in their work.

Emergency management is currently ranked as one of the top 10 fastest growing professions. Here are just a few examples of what you can do with a degree in emergency management:
+ Be a part of international relief work with agencies like the Red Cross or UNICEF.
+ Work in government agencies at the local, state or national level.
+ Be a hazard mitigation officer for a hospital.
+ Lead emergency planning efforts for nonprofits like the Salvation Army.
+ Coordinate disaster exercises to increase a community’s preparedness.
+ Be an emergency response coordinator for private businesses.
+ Manage media relations during a crisis situation.

Upon completion of a bachelor’s degree in emergency management, students will have also completed a majority of the requirements for the International Association of Emergency Managers certification, which many employers require for new positions.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.