



■ SIGNIFICANCE OF MINOR

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the United States has faced near-continual threats to its security at home and abroad. The incidence of terrorist attacks has increased over the last five years. The United States has been preparing to manage such events. The National Response Plan calls for local governments, agencies, institutions and even citizens to be prepared to take care of themselves and their communities for up to 96 hours should such an attack occur.

In public health, the process for including natural disasters in preparedness is called dualism, or an all-hazards approach. The course content for the minor includes an all hazards approach.

Research has shown that in the state of Arkansas, up to 70% of health care professionals (physicians, nurse practitioners, pharmacists and registered nurses) do not believe they are prepared to provide care to victims of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive attacks, nor do they believe the current national preparations are sufficient. Approximately the same number have not had any additional education on these topics.

“The minor in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness truly changed my life.

The courses I participated in opened my eyes, and altered my perceptions and views on the world in general. It has forever changed how I will handle myself in my career. I feel better prepared and understand the need for disaster and emergency preparedness in general.”

— A Homeland Security & Disaster Preparedness Student



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HOMELAND SECURITY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

■ BASIC INFORMATION

This multidisciplinary minor will integrate principles of early recognition and treatment, mitigation, cultural and spiritual influences, issues related to law enforcement, media and mental health aspects of biological, chemical, radiological and nuclear terrorism, as well as natural disasters.

In one Arkansas study, 70% of nursing students reported they have not had any training related to disaster decision making.

Students completing the minor should have a basis of knowledge to be a contributor in disasters and emergencies in their communities and places of employment. As a result of these classes, fear and concern should be appropriately decreased or increased (depending on the agent involved), knowledge improved, with students willing to make the hard decisions related to moral/ethical dilemmas.



■ REQUIREMENTS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY MINOR

■ Required Course: (3 hrs)
DPEM 3503 Principles of Disaster Management

Choose a disciplinary track and then choose three courses from that track: (total of 9 hrs)

■ Track 1: Healthcare in Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

DPEM 4513 Physical Care of Victims of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives Injuries
SW 4203 Crisis Intervention *
DPEM 4523 Risk Identification and Prevention in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness *
DPEM 4533 Disaster Mental Health *
NRS 4223 Forensic Nursing
DPEM 2233 Principles of Healthcare Emergency Management *
DPEM 3553 Ethical Considerations in DPEM *
DPEM 2353 Global Perspectives *

■ Track 2: Disaster Preparedness, Response and Administration

POSC 3503 Principles of Public Administration
CMAC 4603 Crisis Communications
SOC 4343 Geographic Information System for Social Sciences
POSC 4513 Disaster Response: Leadership and Management

■ Track 3: Sociocultural and Political Disaster Preparedness

SOC 4003 Perspectives on Death and Dying *
SW 4363 Religion and Spirituality in Social Work Practice *
OR
SOC 3363 Sociology of Religion
SOC 4263 Terrorism as a Social Movement
SOC 4063 Sociology of Disasters *

■ •Excluding your chosen disciplinary tract, choose one (3 hrs) elective from the remaining two tracks

■ Required Course: (3 hrs)
DPEM 4563 Non-Government Agencies in DPEM*

*Courses are web-based or web-assisted.

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■ HOMELAND SECURITY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Disasters and other emergencies affect professionals in all disciplines. Therefore, the multi-disciplinary minor in homeland security and emergency management is appropriate for all degree-seeking students regardless of their major. The courses in the minor are taught from an all-hazards perspective. Assignments are tailored to be applicable to each student's chosen discipline. Expertise acquired from completing the minor is value-added to any degree when seeking employment. In addition, all students completing the minor will develop a personal/ family disaster plan to enhance their own preparedness.

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