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Programs of Study

The Department of Public Administration offers graduate programs leading to a PhD and Master of Public Administration and BS with a major in emergency administration and planning. The curriculum in the MPA program emphasizes a combination of courses and practical experience leading to entry-level management positions for students beginning their professional careers and job advancement for students already in government service. All faculty members have experience in government and maintain contact with managers and professional associations, such as the International City/County Management Association. *The MPA at the University of North Texas is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (1120 G Street NW, Suite 730, Washington, DC 20005; 202-628-8965).* The curriculum conforms to NASPAA standards. Detailed information on the MPA program may be found in the *Graduate Catalog*.

Undergraduate students who wish to select public administration as an area of concentration may choose one of three options: a major in political science with public policy as one field of study, a major

in applied arts and sciences with public administration as one of the professional development areas, or a minor in public administration. Consult the appropriate sections in this catalog for specific details.

Minor in Public Administration

A minor in public administration requires 18 hours: PADM 3000, PADM 3020 and 12 additional semester hours, 9 of which must be at the upper-division level. Up to 6 hours of the minor may be in emergency administration and planning.

Graduate Degrees

Master's and doctoral degree programs are available in public administration, including a specialization in emergency administration. For more information, consult the *Graduate Catalog*.

Courses of Instruction

All Courses of Instruction are located in one section at the back of this catalog.

Course and Subject Guide

The "Course and Subject Guide," found in the Courses of Instruction section of this book, serves as a table of contents and provides quick access to subject areas and prefixes.

Emergency Administration and Planning

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Introduction

The Bachelor of Science with a major in Emergency Administration and Planning (EADP) provides theoretical education and technical training for individuals interested in helping governments and businesses to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters and other types of mass emergencies. Established in 1982, the EADP program at the University of North Texas was the first of its kind in the United States.

The EADP program prepares students for careers in emergency management and related fields in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Job titles include local and state emergency coordinators, Federal Emergency Management Agency program analysts, business continuity specialists, hospital disaster planners, and Red Cross emergency service directors.

Courses in EADP are typically offered in the late afternoon and evenings to allow flexibility for those students who simultaneously work and pursue their education. Students not currently employed in the emergency management field are required to participate in an internship with a relevant agency or organization in order to gain experience in preparation for a career in this growing profession.

Programs of Study

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Emergency Administration and Planning

Degree Requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science with a major in emergency administration and planning must meet the following requirements.

1. Hours Required and General/College Requirements:

A minimum of 120 semester hours for all pre-career EADP students: for those with no professionally relevant work experience 42 must be advanced; for all other EADP students 39 must be advanced. All students must fulfill the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree as specified in the “General University Requirements” in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service requirements.

2. Major Requirements: Required courses for all EADP students are EADP 3010, EADP 3035, EADP 3045, EADP 3055, EADP 3080, EADP 4080 and PADM 3410. The remaining hours for the major may be comprised of the following courses: EADP 2700, EADP 4000, EADP 4010, EADP 4015, EADP 4020, EADP 4030, EADP 4040, EADP 4050, EADP 4060, EADP 4090; PADM 3000, PADM 3700, PADM 4130, PADM 4450; BIOL 3160; COMS 3000, COMS 3300, COMS 4100, COMS 4300, COMS 4400, COMS 4500, COMS 4600; GEOG 4050, GEOG 4120, GEOG 4170, GEOG 4240, GEOG 4400, GEOG 4500; GEOL 4650; MGMT 4180; RMIN 4600; SOCI 3550, SOCI 3560.

3. Other Course Requirements: ENGL 1310 and TECM 2700 (may be used to satisfy the English Composition and Rhetoric requirement of the University Core Curriculum); BIOL 1132, GEOL 1610, GEOG 1710 (choose one to satisfy 3 hours of the Natural Sciences requirement of the University Core Curriculum).

Internship: *Pre-career* (students with no professionally relevant work experience) – A major of 42 hours; 36 hours plus 6 hours of internship classes (EADP 4800 and EADP 4810) plus 240 hours of actual internship work experience.

In-career (students with professionally relevant work experience) – A major of 39 hours. No internship required.

4. Minor Requirements: A minor of at least 18 hours; 6 must be advanced.

5. Electives: At least 15 hours. Courses may be selected from any offered at UNT that the student and the advisor deem appropriate to the degree.

6. Other Requirements: A grade of C or better and a minimum GPA of 2.5 on all courses in the major; at least 31 hours must be completed at UNT.

Minor in Emergency Administration and Planning

Undergraduate students majoring in a compatible field (e.g., social and behavioral sciences, business, management, political science/public administration and geography) may pursue a minor in emergency administration and planning. The minor requires 18 hours: EADP 3010 and 15 additional hours, 9 of which must be selected from the list of courses required of emergency administration and planning majors (EADP 3035, EADP 3045, EADP 3080 and EADP 4080). Up to 6 hours of the minor may be in public administration.

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