

# MASTER OF SCIENCE

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

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The Department of Emergency Administration and Management (EAM) at Arkansas Tech University offers a solid background in emergency management skills such as preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. There is a growing demand for professionals educated in emergency management for the private business sector, education, and various government agencies and organizations at all levels-local, state, regional, national, and international.

This degree offers a specialized program both for existing career professionals in the discipline and for those seeking the diverse employment opportunities available in this evolving career field. The curriculum applies a multidisciplinary approach targeting the principles of emergency management along with state-of-the-art technologies.

### Unconditional Admission

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Science degree program in Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) if they meet all of the following requirements. Additionally, all application credentials are examined by a faculty committee from the EAM Department in determining admission status.

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements for the Graduate College.
2. Cumulative grade point average of 3.00.
3. Statement of intent which addresses career goals, interests in Graduate College and emergency management, and research or practicum interests.
4. Resume or vita.

### Conditional Admission

Conditional admission may be possible when the grade point average is between 2.5 and 3.0. In addition, all application credentials are examined by a faculty committee from the EAM Department to determine admission status. If a student was admitted conditionally based on grade point average, the condition will be met if upon completion of twelve semester hours a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better is achieved.

The EMHS Graduate Committee will assign a faculty advisor to each student admitted to the EMHS degree program. This advisor will assist the student in designing a curriculum of study leading to the fulfillment of degree requirements. Additionally, the academic advisor and the Graduate College will monitor the student's progress. Ultimately, it remains the student's responsibility to understand and to satisfy all degree requirements.

### Admission to Candidacy

Students who have been granted conditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy for the degree upon the completion of twelve graduate hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better and completion of any deficiencies. Those students admitted with unconditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy upon completion of twelve graduate hours with a 3.00 grade point average or higher. All students who do not submit an "Application for Admission to Candidacy" prior to the end of the semester in which the student becomes eligible will not be allowed to register for subsequent graduate classes.

### Degree Requirements

The completion of 36 hours of graduate work is required, of which 18 semester hours must be at the 6000 level. The 36 hours are taken with four component areas:

Professional Component, Methods Component, Applied Research Component, and Interdisciplinary Component.

#### Professional Component

Most courses have the prerequisite or acceptable equivalencies of EAM 1003 and 1013, or EMHS 6063, or the consent of the instructor.

#### Methods Component (3 hours)

EMHS 6103 Research Design and Methods

#### Applied Research Component (6 Hours)

##### **Thesis Option:**

EMHS 6303 Thesis Research

EMHS 6311-3 Thesis Seminar

##### **Practicum Option:**

EMHS 6403 Action Research Practicum I

EMHS 6413 Action Research Practicum II

#### Interdisciplinary Component (6 hours)

Elective EMHS or non-EMHS graduate courses tailored to each student's interests and career objectives.

A maximum of **nine** semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the head of the student's major department and the Dean of the Graduate College. Students must send a written request to the head of their major department to petition an acceptance of the transfer credit prior to requesting admission to candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the appropriate program director and the Dean of the Graduate College. Credits earned by correspondence courses or for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree. No undergraduate course may be repeated for graduate credit.

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must (in advance of enrollment) obtain written approval from the program director and the Dean of Graduate College.

**Special Conditions of  
Graduate Credit  
Graduate Credit Taken  
Prior to Admission to  
Arkansas Tech University**

**Graduate Credit Taken  
After Admission to  
Arkansas Tech University**