

# Emergency Management

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
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- **Department Phone:**  
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- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/emgt/](http://www.ndsu.edu/emgt/)
- **Degrees Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**  
[bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/emergency-management/](http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/emergency-management/)

## Emergency Management Major

The major prepares students for success as practitioners in emergency management as well as related fields. The rigor of the major also prepares students for graduate work. The major is ideally-suited for students seeking emergency management as a career of first choice. Student career success is built upon the following five program attributes:

1. Provide a broad educational foundation that supports graduates' entry into different settings where emergency management is practiced (e.g., government at all levels; businesses; schools and colleges; healthcare industry; non-profit organizations; humanitarian efforts; etc.);
2. Support evidence-based practice by exposing students to the rich research and science available;
3. Promote and foster experiential opportunities through focused class activities and required internships;
4. Develop skills necessary to the effective practice of emergency management (e.g., communication; collaboration; teamwork; leadership; critical thinking; problem-solving, etc.); and,
5. Support student professional development through faculty mentoring focused on familiarizing students with the roles of and opportunities to pursue training and experience and cultivate professional networks prior to graduation.

Numerous career opportunities are available to those graduating with an emergency management major. Positions are available at all levels of government including city, county, state, and federal. A wide variety of local, national, and international voluntary organizations routinely hire people educated in emergency management, and there is increasing emphasis on hiring individuals educated in emergency management in the private, business sector.

Recent program graduates found employment as a regional emergency planner, homeland security planner, business continuity specialist, hospital emergency manager, emergency manager with the National Guard, public health emergency preparedness coordinator, and disaster insurance adjuster, to name a few examples.

Of note, just as with any degree program in higher education, an emergency management student does not graduate and necessarily go on to be an emergency manager. Graduates consistently find employment in the military, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire departments as well. And, many graduates from our degree program go on to work in fields unrelated to emergency management. Our alumni report that the skills and knowledge acquired through our undergraduate degree program in emergency management are highly marketable to other professions and fields.

## Emergency Management Minor

The Department of Emergency Management offers an emergency management minor with four transcribed minor sub-plan options. Each sub-plan minor option is designed to complement a set of student interests and majors. Options include:

- Vulnerability and Capacity Building
- Risk and Resilience Management
- Homeland Security
- Comprehensive Emergency Management

## Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

<b>First Year</b>					
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>		
EMGT 101	3	EMGT 261 or 263	3		
ENGL 110	4	ENGL 120	3		
Gen Ed Humanities/Fine Arts	3	Gen Ed Science & Tech w/ Lab	4		
Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning	3	Gen Ed Humanities/Fine Arts	3		
Gen Ed Wellness	2-3	COMM 110	3		
	15-16		16		
<b>Second Year</b>					
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EMGT 291	3	EMGT 263 or 261	3	EMGT 496	6
EMGT 262 or 264	3	EMGT Elective	3		
Gen Ed Science & Tech	3	Gen Ed Science & Tech	3		
AHSS Humanities - College Requirement <sup>See Department Recommended Gen Ed Course List</sup>	3	AHSS Arts - College Requirement <sup>See Department Recommended Gen Ed Course List</sup>	3		
AHSS Social Sciences - College Requirement <sup>See Department Recommended Gen Ed Course List</sup>	3	Gen Ed Social & Behavioral Sci	3		
	15		15		6
<b>Third Year</b>					
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>		
EMGT 264 or 262	3	EMGT Elective	3		
Gen Ed Upper Level Writing	3	EMGT Elective	3		
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3		
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3		
Any Additional Elective or Additional EMGT Elective	3	Any Additional Elective or Additional EMGT Elective	3		
	15		15		
<b>Fourth Year</b>					
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>		
EMGT Elective	3	EMGT 410 <sup>(Capstone)</sup>	3		
EMGT Elective	3	Minor Course	3		
Minor Course	3	Any Additional Electives or Additional EMGT Electives	6		
Any Additional Electives / Additional EMGT Electives	3				
	12		12		

Total Credits: 121-122