

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT (M.S.)

Purpose

The purpose of the Master of Science in Homeland Security and Disaster Management is to train and equip current and aspiring homeland security and disaster management professionals across multiple disciplines and at all levels of government to effectively lead and manage the organizations charged with protecting lives and property against natural and man-made disasters.

Program Specific Admissions Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific requirements for admission to the Master of Science in Homeland Security & Disaster Management (M.S.) are as follows:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper –based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test)

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Applicants who hold a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.00 to 2.99 on a 4.00 scale may be eligible for admission on Academic Caution.

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 18 hours of graduate-level credit from an accredited institution. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the student's program at Liberty University. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate knowledge of homeland security and disaster management principles, policies, and practices.
- Synthesize best practices and research in the homeland security and disaster management context.
- Integrate a Christian Worldview into the study of homeland security and disaster management.
- Analyze the structures, functions, capabilities, activities, and relationships of homeland security and disaster management organizations across disciplines and levels of government.

Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

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Career Opportunities

- Emergency Management Director
- First Responders/Crisis Response Officer
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Security Director
- Security Management Consultant
- Homeland Security Director
- Public Safety Compliance Officer
- Public Safety Training Officer