

**The Council for the Accreditation of Emergency Management
& Homeland Security Education (CAEMHSE)**

Professional Accreditation Standards in Emergency Management Education		
<i>Standard (* following the number denotes a standard) (Meeting the standards: Compliant, Partially Compliant, or Non-Compliant)</i>		Compliance (C, PC, NC)
1.0	Institution and Emergency Management Program (21 Standards)	
1.1*	<i>Institution Accreditation</i>	
1.2*	<i>Facilities and Other Resources</i>	
1.3*	<i>Office space</i>	
1.4*	<i>Equipment and Supplies</i>	
1.5*	<i>Technical Support</i>	
1.6*	<i>Library</i>	
1.7	<i>Emergency Management Program</i>	
	1.7.1*	<i>Statement of purpose</i>
	1.7.2*	<i>Orientation of the program</i>
	1.7.3*	<i>Specialty/concentration/area focus</i>
	1.7.4*	<i>Description of the degree or degrees offered</i>
	1.7.5*	<i>Description of the admission process and policies</i>
	1.7.6*	<i>Listing of program faculty and their qualifications</i>
	1.7.7*	<i>Description of curriculum structure and degree requirements</i>
	1.7.8*	<i>Student experiences, employment opportunities, and achievements post-graduation</i>
1.8*	<i>Emergency Management Program Organization</i>	
1.9*	<i>Budget</i>	
1.10	<i>Human Resources (Faculty and Administrative Support)</i>	
	1.10.1*	<i>Program Faculty</i>
	1.10.2*	<i>Full-time Faculty Qualifications</i>
	1.10.3*	<i>Adjunct Faculty Qualifications</i>
	1.10.4*	<i>Administrative Assistance</i>
1.11*	<i>Program Assessment</i>	
2.0	Program Content (12 Standards)	
2.1*	<i>Defined program learning outcomes</i>	
2.2*	<i>Written degree plan</i>	
2.3*	<i>Course Learning Objectives</i>	
2.4*	<i>Syllabi</i>	
2.5*	<i>Logical sequence to the curriculum</i>	
2.6*	<i>Assessment</i>	
2.7*	<i>Curriculum & Course improvement</i>	
2.8	<i>Availability of assessment data</i>	
	2.8.1*	<i>Evidence of student learning</i>
	2.8.2*	<i>Evidence of graduate achievement</i>

2.9*	<i>Grounded curriculum</i>	
2.10*	<i>Curriculum addresses variety of career paths</i>	
2.11*	<i>Course Mix Relevant to Degree</i>	

Bachelor's Degrees

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3.0	Emergency Management Curriculum Content (4 Standards)	
3.1*	Domain I: Foundational topics of emergency management	
3.1a	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of hazards, hazard processes and characteristics, and hazard analysis</i>	
3.1b	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of vulnerability theories, types, and analysis</i>	
3.1c	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of risk, risk perception, and risk assessment</i>	
3.1d	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of crises, emergencies, disasters, catastrophes, complex humanitarian events, and distinctions among the types</i>	
3.1e	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of historical and contextual awareness of disasters and emergency management</i>	
3.1f	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of professionalism of the field including The Principles of Emergency Management, ethics, certifications, and associations/affiliations related to different career options</i>	
3.1g	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of international and comparative dimensions of emergency management</i>	
3.2*	Domain II: Key topics across the mission areas of mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery	
3.2a	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of social, cultural, and economic dimensions relevant to emergency management</i>	
3.2b	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of political, legal, and fiscal contexts of emergency management</i>	
3.2c	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of current emergency management policy and standards that guide emergency management practice</i>	
3.2d	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of tasks and activities of individuals and households, organizations, communities, and levels of government, including functional areas, across the public, private, and non- governmental sectors</i>	
3.2e	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of use and implications of communication methods and technological tools relevant to emergency management</i>	
3.3*	Domain III: The program provides opportunities for students to gain practical emergency management experience and apply knowledge gained from the program	
3.4*	Domain IV: Professionalism	
3.4a	<i>Exhibit written, visual, verbal, interpersonal, and group communication skills</i>	
3.4b	<i>Describe and experience network-building, advocacy, and stakeholder engagement</i>	
3.4c	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of analytical thinking, problem solving, and decision making</i>	
3.4d	<i>Experience application of research in practice</i>	
3.4e	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of leadership and management</i>	

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3.0	Homeland Security Curriculum Content (9 Standards)	=====
3.1*	Domain I: Intelligence	
	3.1a <i>Demonstrate knowledge of national security intelligence concepts including collection, analysis, counterintelligence, and covert action</i>	
	3.1b <i>Demonstrate knowledge of the organization and mission of the Intelligence Community and state and local intelligence agencies</i>	
3.2*	Domain II: Law & Policy	
	3.2a <i>Examine case and Constitutional law principles and their relationship to Homeland Security law and policy</i>	
	3.2b <i>Identify and evaluate US legislative authority regarding homeland security efforts, with emphasis on the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act and related legislation, including the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)</i>	
	3.2c <i>Compare principles of international law (i.e., laws of war, Geneva Conventions, etc.) and their relationship to homeland security efforts within and outside of the U.S.</i>	
3.3*	Domain III: Emergency Management	
	3.3a <i>Demonstrate knowledge of basic elements of the phases of emergency management</i>	
	3.3b <i>Demonstrate knowledge of Continuity of Operations planning</i>	
	3.3c <i>Demonstrate knowledge of exercise design, types, and continuous improvement planning</i>	
3.4*	Domain IV: Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience	
	3.4a <i>Demonstrate knowledge of the recognized sectors critical infrastructure including security and resilience principles among the private and public sectors</i>	
	3.4b <i>Demonstrate knowledge of security management strategies, priorities, and challenges</i>	
3.5*	Domain V: Strategic Planning and Decision Making	
	3.5a <i>Demonstrate knowledge of the steps in the national security strategic planning process including ends, ways and means</i>	
	3.5b <i>Define and differentiate wicked versus tame problems as they apply to homeland security issues or challenges</i>	
	3.5c <i>Explain the steps involved in conducting a cost benefit/net present value analysis</i>	
	3.5d <i>Compare and contrast decision making theories and cognitive biases</i>	
3.6*	Domain VI: Terrorism	
	3.6a <i>Demonstrate knowledge of ideologies, goals, and strategies of selected terrorist organizations and broader extremist movements</i>	
	3.6b <i>Demonstrate knowledge of trends in and the conceptual aspects of countering violent extremism</i>	
	3.6c <i>Demonstrate knowledge of terrorism definitions and terrorism as a phenomenon</i>	
3.7*	Domain VII: Human & Environmental Security	
	3.7a <i>Examine the relationship between human activities and climate change and security</i>	

	3.7b	<i>Compare various conceptions of human and environmental security</i>	
	3.7c	<i>Describe the role risk and risk assessment play in strategic planning</i>	
3.8*	Domain VIII: Risk Analysis & Management		
	3.8a	<i>Examine the relationship between human activities and climate change and security</i>	
	3.8b	<i>Compare various conceptions of human and environmental security</i>	
	3.8c	<i>Differentiate national security and human security strategies</i>	
3.9*	Domain IX: Professionalism		
	3.9a	<i>Demonstrate knowledge of information system vulnerabilities and threats and approaches to protect information assets and systems including incident response and recovery</i>	
	3.9b	<i>Demonstrate an understanding of the national security implications of attacks on information and systems</i>	

Master's Degrees		
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4.0	Curriculum Content (16 Standards) (Need a majority of the standards)	=====
4.1*	<i>Leadership</i>	
4.2*	<i>Management & Control of Organizations (including Finances & Contracting)</i>	
4.3*	<i>Needs Assessment, Planning, Program Development & Project Management</i>	
4.4*	<i>Facilitation, Collaboration, Teamwork, Partnerships, etc.</i>	
4.5*	<i>Government & Politics (multijurisdictional), Laws & Statutes, Funding</i>	
4.6*	<i>Capabilities & Roles of Agents & Actors in Public, Private, & Non-Profit Arenas</i>	
4.7*	<i>Perspectives: U.S. & Global (Diversity of Policies & Practices)</i>	
4.8*	<i>Ethics & Mental Health</i>	
4.9*	<i>Advanced Knowledge of a Specialist Body of Theoretical & Applied Topics</i>	
4.10*	<i>High Order Skills in Analysis; Critical Evaluation Through Research or Practice</i>	
4.11*	<i>Creativity & Flexibility in New Situations, Scenarios, & Case Studies</i>	
4.12*	<i>Maturity of Critical Thinking and Decision-Making Skills</i>	
4.13*	<i>Policy Making and Strategic Planning</i>	
4.14*	<i>Solving Complex Problems; Rigorous & Independent Thinking</i>	
4.15*	<i>Research, Analysis, & Synthesis in a Thesis, Capstone Project, or Internship</i>	
4.16*	<i>Thesis, Capstone Project, or Internship</i>	