

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN Homeland Security and Emergency Management

ONLINE

In today's world, the need for informed, prepared, and knowledgeable leaders who plan and strategize effectively in high-risk situations is increasingly in demand. Mercer University's **Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management** prepares students to answer the call of threats to public safety with a focus on the management aspect of this field, such as organizing and pre-planning for manmade and natural disasters. The program's interactive approach gives students a deeper understanding of disaster and emergency preparation through policy and procedure design and implementation. Students will study new approaches to combat cybercrime, experience how components of the public safety system interact, and design and develop policies for responding to threats.



## FULLY ONLINE PROGRAM

The B.S. in Homeland Security and Emergency Management is offered in a fully online format. Courses are structured in eight-week sessions, and students will have the same access to faculty and campus resources as students taking courses in a traditional classroom setting. Students can comfortably take two classes per week while maintaining a work-life balance.

## Career Opportunities

Mercer University's B.S. in Homeland Security and Emergency Management prepares graduates to pursue top job opportunities at organizations such as the Department of Homeland Security—including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and local and state emergency management entities—as well as intelligence and investigative agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills to succeed as professionals in a variety of positions, including roles such as:

- Air Marshal
- Border Patrol Agent
- CIA Analyst/Officer
- Customs and Border Protection Officer
- Disaster Engagement Specialist
- Disaster Services Analyst
- Emergency Management Planner
- Emergency Preparedness Analyst
- Emergency Response Coordinator
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agent

## BECOME A DOUBLE BEAR Special Consideration Program

Students in Mercer's B.S. in Homeland Security and Emergency Management program may be eligible to continue their education through the **Special Consideration Program** and gain special consideration, an application fee waiver, and a 30% tuition benefit for the M.S. in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Leadership program.

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## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### B.S. in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

#### Foundations in Major (36 hours)

ORGL 210	Foundations of Leadership
CRJS 305	Contemporary Policing
COMM 350	Organizational Communication
PSFT 365	Introduction to Homeland Security and Emergency Management
PSFT 370	Terrorism
PSFT 375	The Effects of Disaster on Society
CRJS 380	Forensic Behavior
ORGL 380	Applied Research Methods
PSFT 380	Intelligence Gathering and Dissemination
PSFT 435	Ethics and Public Safety
PSFT 470	Field Experience
PSFT 498	Senior Seminar

#### Electives in Major (6 hours)

Students will choose two electives from a selection of criminal justice, digital forensics, organizational leadership, and public safety course options.

**Total major requirements: 42 hours**

**General education: 39 hours**

**Electives: 39 hours**

**Total degree requirements: 120 hours**

*Students with two or more years of professional experience in their field of study may have the opportunity to apply to complete competency tests. Upon completion of the tests, students may be eligible to earn up to one semester of credits.*

## Admission to Program

Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale). The program admits students five times per year in January, March, May, August, and October. Applicants may be eligible to transfer credits toward the degree. Learn more and apply at [workingadults.mercer.edu](http://workingadults.mercer.edu).

#### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- High school or GED transcript (if applicable)
- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee (\$50 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions

*International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.*

## A Top-Ranked Leader in Education

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is one of America's most distinctive universities. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Mercer among the leading universities in the nation—including a “Best Value”—and The Princeton Review consistently ranks Mercer in the **Top 15%** of colleges and universities nationwide.

Students are taught by expert professors who combine class instruction with relevant work experience. Through personal attention and support, students are empowered to achieve their educational and career goals.

Mercer University's College of Professional Advancement continues the University's long-standing commitment to serving professional students seeking advancement into leadership roles in their careers. Distinctive interdisciplinary undergraduate, graduate, and workforce development programs merge theory and practice to help students solve problems and add value in the workplace.



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