

Emergency Management

Department of Health Sciences and Social Work, College of Education and Human Services



Preparedness



Response



Recovery



Mitigation

Program of Study

The emergency management degree program is unique as it is the first and only university-level program of its type in the state of Illinois. The program offers an undergraduate interdisciplinary degree, which combines scholarship and practice. The program stresses response, recovery, mitigation and preparedness. An emphasis is placed on collaboration, coordination and communication to effectively manage all hazard and disaster events. Students earn a Bachelor of Science degree to become professional emergency managers in the public or private sector. All majors in emergency management complete a capstone internship during their final semester before graduation.

Faculty

Faculty members are specialists who have experience in both the professional practice and academia.

Departmental faculty earned doctoral and other advanced degrees from distinguished universities across the United States, including the following:

- Johns Hopkins University
- Oklahoma State University
- Oregon State University
- Penn State University
- Southern Illinois University–Carbondale
- University of New Mexico
- The University of Toledo
- Virginia Tech

Faculty are dedicated educators, seeking to foster active student participation and active scholars with numerous published articles and scholarly presentations.

Scholarships

The department offers four scholarships for majors. The scholarships are named after distinguished former faculty members in the department: (1) the Willis and Rosemary Zorn Scholarship for demonstration of commitment to self-education; (2) the W. I. Taylor Memorial Scholarship for achievement in professional development; (3) the V. F. Lowell Award for undergraduate professionalism in health sciences and (4) the John H. and Mary M. Leach Scholarship, which is awarded in even years to an incoming freshman. Detailed information on these scholarships can be found on the department website at wiu.edu/coehs/health_sciences/scholarships/hs_undergrad.php.

Honors in Emergency Management

To be eligible for the Centennial Honors College, entering freshmen must have an ACT composite score of at least 28 OR have a 26 or 27 composite ACT and be in the top 15 percent of their graduating class OR have an ACT composite score of at least 24 and be in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. A comparable SAT score is acceptable. Transfer and current WIU students who wish to join the Centennial Honors College (including the Quad Cities Honors Program) must have a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale based on 12 or more semester hours. Honors credit is given for honors coursework completed at other accredited institutions. To find out more, visit wiu.edu/Honors.

Student Activities

The program provides for participation in activities outside the classroom. These activities are related to the program's Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) chartered student chapter. Students have participated in professional networking, field activities and community volunteer efforts.

Special Opportunities

The program offers special opportunities to work with alumni of the program who are leaders in emergency management in Illinois.

After College

Students can earn a Bachelor of Science degree in emergency management leading to professional employment opportunities in the public sector, the private sector or at non-governmental organizations.

For More Information

Contact the WIU Department of Health Sciences and Social Work Chair at HealthSciences@wiu.edu or (309) 298-1076. To enroll in emergency management courses, e-mail the advisor at SE-Dorsett@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1438. Learn more about the department by visiting wiu.edu/health.

University Libraries

University Libraries consists of the Leslie F. Malpass Library, which is the main branch, and four other branches: the Physical Sciences Library, the Music Library, the Curriculum Library and the Quad Cities Library. The libraries offer students access to a variety of resources in print and online. Research assistance is available in person at the Reference Desk and via instant messaging. Check out the website for hours, events and services available: wiu.edu/libraries.

Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 10,000 students in west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western offers a broad-based athletics program, sponsoring 19 NCAA Division I intercollegiate varsity sports. Football competes in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision through the Missouri Valley Football Conference; all other varsity sports compete at the Division I level through The Summit League. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,400 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost Guarantee programs ensure that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees and room and board.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes discrimination based on an individual's membership in the following classes: sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran status, and any other classes protected by state or federal law.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and individual appointments can be made on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Campus tours are conducted at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments with advisors, faculty or a financial aid advisor may be arranged separately during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10 a.m., and a campus tour is conducted at 11 a.m. Students may schedule a visit or tour online at wiu.edu/admissions by selecting "Visit Campus." Students may also schedule a visit, tour or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU (742-5948) or (309) 298-3157, or by emailing admissions@wiu.edu.



wiu.edu/hssw

Department of Health Sciences and Social Work

Stipes Hall 402 • Western Illinois University
1 University Circle • Macomb, IL 61455-1390
Phone: (309) 298-1076
E-mail: HealthSciences@wiu.edu



WESTERN
ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY