

PUBLIC SAFETY A.A.S. (CAREER)

Program website (<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/public-safety/public-safety-a-a-s.aspx>)

Program Manager: Didi Culp
Email: dculp@frederick.edu
Phone: 240.629.7952

Program Description

Prepares students for careers throughout the integrated public safety environment.

Students can choose to major in the Public Safety A.A.S. to explore various disciplines – including emergency management, fire service administration, and national security & intelligence – and the ways in which they connect with knowledge from a variety of other fields and use it to enhance the public safety environment.

Students also have the option to focus on a specific discipline within the Public Safety A.A.S. by selecting either Emergency Management, Fire Service Administration, or National Security & Intelligence as their Area of Concentration.

Students should meet with an advisor or Public Safety Program Manager to develop a plan appropriate for their transfer or career interests. To investigate potential careers related to this degree program, visit the Career Communities (<https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/career-services/career-communities.aspx>) page.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Describe the fundamental principles, analytical frameworks, and practical tools that underpin the operations of agencies across the public safety sector
- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the public safety sector and national security enterprise within all levels of the U.S. government, and their relationships with the agencies therein.
- Assess the effects of the public safety sector and its related fields on organizations and individuals in the private, nongovernmental, and community sectors.
- Develop foundational skills necessary to execute planning, mitigation, analysis, response, and recovery activities in agencies across the public safety sector.
- Communicate public safety concepts, needs, and activities to professionals, volunteers, and partner organizations throughout the whole community.

Program Requirements

- Students must complete their credit **English and Mathematics** within the first 24 credits.
- One course must meet the cultural competence graduation requirement (<https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural>).
- CORE: The General Education CORE** is that foundation of the higher education curriculum providing a coherent intellectual experience for all students. Students should check with an advisor or the transfer

institution (ARTSYS) before selecting General Education CORE requirements. <http://artsys.usmd.edu/>

- In some General Education categories (Mathematics, Biological & Physical Sciences), a 4-credit course selected from the GenEd course list will satisfy the requirement in place of a 3-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting these courses.
- For the Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition requirement, a 3-credit PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course may satisfy the requirement in place of a 1-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting this course.
- Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 101 English Composition.
- Students must complete a minimum of nine credits at the 200-level.

Code	Title	Credits
English		
ENGL 101	English Composition	3
Mathematics		
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics)		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral)		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral)		3
Arts & Humanities		
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 103	Public Speaking	
COMM 109	Basic Conflict Mediation	
COMM 111	Introduction to Mass Communication	
Any Non-English Language (ASLS, ARBC, CHIN, FREN, GERM, ITAL, LATN, RUSS, or SPAN)		
Biological & Physical Sciences		
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical)		3
Other Gen Eds		
EMGT 101	Disaster, Crisis, and Emergency Management	3
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement		
Select one PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course; recommended course below:		1
HLTH 160	Stress Management	
Discipline Requirements		
EMGT 106	Hazard, Risk, and Mitigation	3
EMGT 201	Public Safety GIS and Technology	3
EMGT 213	Social Impacts of Disaster	3
EMGT 221	Public Safety Leadership and Ethics	3
Electives		
Students may choose 26 elective credits to complete a 60 credit degree. 12 of these must be from the following areas: EMGT, FIRE, GISA, CCJS		12
14 elective credits remain; these must be chosen from the following areas: GISA, ECON, EMGT, FEMA, FIRE, CMIS, CCJS, COMM, POSC, BMGT, SOCY, PSYC, CHEM, BSCI, PHSC, HLTH, LGST, BLDT, FS ¹		14
Total Credits		60

1

Credits in the FEMA and FS subject areas may only be acquired through the articulation of FEMA, National Fire Academy, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, or other external training institution certification. Interested students should discuss these options with the Program Manager. No more than 3 total credits in the FEMA subject area may be used for this program without the approval of the Program Manager.

Transfer Note

For more information on careers and transfer, contact the Career and Academic Planning Services office at 301.846.2471 or visit Transfer Services (<https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/counseling-advising/transfer-services.aspx>).

Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

Suggested schedules map your path to degree completion.

Students should meet with an advisor each semester to carefully select and sequence courses based on their specific academic goals and interests. Visit Jefferson Hall or call 301.846.2471 for advising.

Recommended First Semester		Credits
ENGL 101	English Composition ¹	3
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) ¹		3-4
EMGT 101	Disaster, Crisis, and Emergency Management	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 111	Introduction to Mass Communication	
COMM 103	Public Speaking	
COMM 109	Basic Conflict Mediation	
Any Non-English Language course (ASLS, ARBC, CHIN, FREN, GERM, ITAL, LATN, RUSS, or SPAN)		
EMGT 106	Hazard, Risk, and Mitigation	3
Credits		15-16
Recommended Second Semester		
Select a course from any of the following areas: EMGT, FIRE, GISA, or CCJS		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral)		3
Select a course from any of the following areas: PHED, HLTH, or NUTR (recommended course below)		1,3
HLTH 160	Stress Management	
Select a course from any of the following areas: EMGT, FIRE, GISA, or CCJS		3
Select a course from any of the following areas: BSCI, BLDT, BMGT, CCJS, CHEM, CMIS, COMM, EMGT, FEMA, FIRE, FS, GISA, HLTH, LGST, PHSC, POSC, PSYC, or PSYC ²		3
Credits		13-15
Recommended Third Semester		
Select a course from any of the following areas: EMGT, FIRE, GISA, CCJS		3
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical)		3-4
EMGT 201	Public Safety GIS and Technology	3
EMGT 213	Social Impacts of Disaster	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral)		3
Credits		15-16
Recommended Fourth Semester		
Select a course from any of the following areas: EMGT, FIRE, GISA, or CCJS		3
Select a course from any of the following areas: BSCI, BLDT, BMGT, CCJS, CHEM, CMIS, COMM, EMGT, FEMA, FIRE, FS, GISA, HLTH, LGST, PHSC, POSC, PSYC, or PSYC ²		3
EMGT 221	Public Safety Leadership and Ethics	3
Select courses as needed to complete 60 credit degree. Choose from any of the following areas: BSCI, BLDT, BMGT, CCJS, CHEM, CMIS, COMM, EMGT, FEMA, FIRE, FS, GISA, HLTH, LGST, PHSC, POSC, PSYC, PSYC ²		8
Credits		17
Total Credits		60-64

1

Take this course within the first 24 credits.

2

Credits in the FEMA and FS subject areas may only be acquired through the articulation of FEMA, National Fire Academy, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, or other external training institution certification. Interested students should discuss these options with the Program Manager. No more than 3 total credits in the FEMA subject area may be used for this program without the approval of the Program Manager.

Part-time Students

Part-time students should complete courses in the order listed on the pathway. Please contact program manager for questions about part-time status.

Students who take fewer than 15 credits each semester or who require developmental English or Math coursework will need additional semesters to complete their degrees. Summer term and January session classes may help students to make faster progress.

Pathway Legend

Milestone - courses with the Milestone notation should be taken within the recommend credit range to stay on track for program completion.

Fall, Spring, Summer - courses with a Fall, Spring, or Summer notation indicate the course is offered in the specified semester only.