Preparing the experts behind the practices.

Online Master of Science in Safety, Security and Emergency Management

Eastern Kentucky University
What do safety and success have in common? Preparation.

In the workplace. In our schools. At our borders. On our streets. No matter where threats to safety exist, modern society needs leaders who are calm, prepared, knowledgeable and courageous. Ensuring safety is more than quick action in the moment; it’s also preparing for the moment.

Choose Eastern Kentucky University Online (EKU Online) and use our suite of safety, security and emergency management programs as your opportunity to craft your leadership style, build your expertise in one of five specialized areas, and earn a valuable, respected credential for your career. We can help you grow with the industry while you apply cutting-edge knowledge directly in the field.

Our Master’s in Safety at a glance:

- Graduate in as few as 2 years
- Enjoy the flexibility of 100% online coursework
- Improve your education while remaining active as a safety professional
- Choose from 5 concentrations and tailor your degree to your interests
- No GRE for applicants with a 3.0 undergraduate GPA or higher
- Learn from a veteran faculty of safety experts with public and private sector experience
- Use EKU’s internship agreements and Career Development and Placement Office to help you pursue your goals

Admissions Requirements

- A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning
- Online application and a $35 non-refundable application fee
- An official transcript from the university that granted your bachelor’s
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 overall or in the last 60 credit hours of your bachelor’s. No GRE for applicants with a 3.0 undergraduate GPA or higher
- TOEFL score of 550 for international students
- As a result of state regulations that restrict online education, EKU is not permitted to accept students from New Mexico.

About EKU

Eastern Kentucky University was founded in 1906. More than 100 years later the institution has grown to offer 168 degree programs and educate more than 15,000 students each year. The university maintains a student to faculty ratio of 17 to 1, placing strong emphasis on student success.

About the College of Justice & Safety

The state of Kentucky has chosen the College of Justice and Safety as a Program of Distinction, recognizing it as a source of expertise in the fields of emergency management, safety, fire science, corrections, juvenile justice and homeland security.
Our coursework is a comprehensive look at safety concepts and how to implement them — from emergency response to financial resource management. Through the tutelage of nationally recognized experts from nearly every corner of the industry, you can build the foundation you need to lead. And, by choosing a concentration, you can dive deeply into Homeland Security, Occupational Safety, School Safety, Fire and Emergency Services or Emergency Management. Your graduate-level knowledge can help you progress in your current role, or explore new opportunities in the public and private sector.

### CORE COURSES
- SSE 815 – Safety, Security & Emergency Management Administration
- SSE 826 – Emergency Preparation and Response
- SSE 827 – Issues in Security Management
- SSE 833 – Legislation & Legal Compliance
- SSE 865 – Auditing for Safety, Security and Emergency Management
- SSE 885 – Quantitative Analysis in Safety, Security and Emergency Management

### Occupational Safety Concentration Courses:
- SSE 828 – Industrial Safety Management
- SSE 832 – Construction Safety
- SSE 834 – Corporate Compliance
- SSE 845 – Personal and Environmental Hazards

### Homeland Security Concentration Courses:
- HLS 810 – Infrastructure Protection and Risk Analysis
- HLS 820 – Terrorism and Intelligence
- HLS 830 – Natural Hazards and Threats to the Nation

### School Safety Concentration Courses:
- SSE 870 – Principles of School Safety
- SSE 871 – Risk Management in Schools
- SSE 872 – Crisis Response, Management and Student Assistance
- SSE 873 – Program Development and Evaluation of Safety Interventions in Educational Settings

### Fire & Emergency Services Concentration Courses:
- SSE 820 – Strategic Planning for Fire and Emergency Services
- SSE 824 – Leadership in Fire and Emergency Services
- SSE 825 – Public Sector Finance and Budgeting
- SSE 829 – Public Emergency Services

### Emergency Management Concentration Courses:
- HLS 830 – Natural Hazards and Threat to the Nation
- HLS 835 – Managing the Nation’s Disasters

Add a graduate certificate in just 1 year or less
If a master’s degree isn’t in your sights, but you’d still like to develop professionally with EKU Online, any of our five concentrations are available as stand-alone graduate certificates. We’ve also added a separate Graduate Certificate in Intelligence and National Security. These 12-credit certificates are a great way to connect with EKU Online’s expert faculty, and boost your value in the industry.
Ensuring safety is more than a one-person job; it’s built on partnership and trust. At Eastern Kentucky University, you can benefit from the lasting relationships we’ve built in the national and global safety communities.

Our industry affiliations allow you to receive course credit toward your degree if you meet the necessary requirements. These training-for-credit programs are a way for you to boost your professional credentials and complete your degree sooner.

You can qualify for up to 6 hours upon completion of 240 hours of OTI training and two topical seminar courses.

You can earn up to 6 credit hours upon the successful completion of the Executive Fire Officers (EFO) program and upon acceptance into the MS SSEM program.

You can earn up to 3 credit hours for certificates of completion of the Certified Safety Technician (CST) and Certified Safety Supervisor (CSS) upon acceptance into the MS SSEM program.

EKU accepts certificates of completion of the LP Certified and LP Qualified Program upon acceptance into the MS SSEM program.

You can earn college credit for up to 6 credit hours toward your MS SSEM for successful completion of the 240-hour Civilian Personnel program (known as the CP-12 program).

You can earn up to 6 credit hours upon completion of 240 hours of OTI training and two topical seminar courses.

Benefit from our internship agreements

An internship can be your gateway to new and exciting professional opportunities. Through our partnerships we’ve been able to place our students with some of the world’s largest companies, including:

- Marathon Petroleum
- Georgia-Pacific
- Owens Corning
- Amazon.com
- Aera Energy
- Turner Construction
- Siemens
- ConAgra
- General Electric (Consumer and Industrial)
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing
- Bechtel
- BMW

In addition, EKU’s Career Development and Placement Office can assist you in identifying and pursuing job opportunities in the safety industry.