With the heightened concern over human-produced emergencies like acts of terrorism, and the continuing potential for devastating natural disasters, the need for professionals who can prepare for emergencies and minimize their risks continues to be in demand. Through coursework, you’ll learn to identify and avoid risks locally, regionally, and at a national level. You will learn about the National Incident Management System as well as incident command protocols. You’ll gain exposure to the five stages of disaster management: prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. While this minor pairs well with the criminal justice major, it is also suitable for many other programs of study. The universal need for emergency preparedness for natural and other disasters has become pertinent across all industries and occupations.

**FAST FACTS**

- **Credit hours:** 21
- **Department:** Criminal Justice
- **School:** Natural and Social Sciences
- **Popular pairings:** Criminal Justice, Geography, Political Science, Social Sciences, Sociology, Business Administration, Organizational Leadership and Public Relations, Speech Communication, Journalism, Psychology, Computer Information Systems

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**courses and skills**

**Required courses**

A minor must include a minimum of 12 hours unduplicated by your major(s) and minor(s).

- CJA 360 Homeland Security and Terrorism .......................................................... 3
- CJA 460 Emergency Management .......................................................... 3
- CJA 491 Emergency Management Special Project .......................................................... 3
- GEO 410 Hazards and Disasters ........................................................................ 3
- GEO 430 Geographic Information Systems or GEO 435 Computer Mapping... 3

Plus two of the following:

- BUS 214 Information Management ........................................................................ 3
- POS 390 Public Budgeting and Finance .................................................................... 3
- POS 444 Topics: Grant Writing Seminar .................................................................... 3
- PSY 406 Death and Dying ...................................................................................... 3
- PSY 410 Psychology of Small Group Behavior .......................................................... 3

**Skills learned**

- Understanding of homeland security, terrorism, and natural disasters
- National Incident Management System and incident command protocols
- How to adapt to uncontrolled situations
- Critical thinking, decision making, and organization
- Communication, cooperation, regulations, and supervision

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