

**SUPPORT/EMPHASIS ELECTIVES**

**Lower Level (11 hours)**

- DPEM 1503 .....Introduction to Community Preparedness
- DPEM 1703 .....Introduction to Community Response
- DPEM 2243 .....CBRNE Incident Practicum
- DPEM 2333 .....Evidence Collection for CBRNE Incidents
- DPEM 2341 .....Clinical Implications for CBRNE Incidents
- DPEM 2351 .....First Responders and CBRNE Incidents
- DPEM 2371 .....Protective Measures for CBRNE Incidents
- DPEM 2381 .....Law Enforcement Response Actions  
for CBRNE Incidents
- DPEM 2391 .....Initial Response to Suicide Bomb Attacks
- DPEM 2402 .....Civil Disorder in Disasters and Emergencies
- DPEM 2412 .....Command and Planning for Civil Disorder in  
Disasters and Emergencies
- DPEM 2422 .....Extrication Tactics for Civil Disorder in  
Disasters and Emergencies

**Upper Level — Minimum 14 hours**

- DPEM 3053 .....Expanding Incident Management
- DPEM 3513 .....Teaching Incident Management
- DPEM 3523 .....Protecting Law Enforcement CBRNE Instructor
- DPEM 3533 .....Teaching CBRNE Awareness
- DPEM 3543 .....Teaching Emergency Response
- DPEM 3552 .....Business Continuity in Disasters and EM
- DPEM 3562 .....Principles of Administration in EM
- DPEM 3572 .....Politics of Disaster
- DPEM 3583 .....Principles of Communication in DPEM
- DPEM 3592 .....Exercise Design in DPEM
- DPEM 3613 .....Radiological Emergencies
- DPEM 4053 .....Complex Incident Management
- DPEM 4123 .....Incident Command for All Hazards
- DPEM 4133 .....All Hazards Command and Response
- DPEM 4501 .....Managing Mass Casualty Incidents Instructor
- DPEM 4573 .....Radiological Emergencies Instructor Course
- DPEM 4623 .....Managing Radiological Incidents
- DPEM 4713 .....Healthcare Public Information Officer
- DPEM 4723 .....Leading Healthcare Response for All Hazards
- DPEM 4733 .....Managing Mass Casualty Incidents Hospitals
- DPEM 4743 .....Medical Response to CBRNE Incidents
- DPEM 4752 .....Project Management in DPEM



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# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## ■ BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (DPEM) is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students in becoming professionals in the field of disaster preparedness and emergency management. The program requires 120 hours of undergraduate level courses related to the study of disaster preparedness, mitigation, planning, response and recovery. Each student will select 25 hours in an emphasis area within DPEM.

Students wishing to pursue the BS in DPEM must apply to Arkansas State University and meet all of the admission requirements established by the university. Students must also complete an application for the BS major and schedule a personal interview with a BS adviser. Continued admission to this degree program is based upon acceptance by clinical agencies for practicum experiences. Students may earn up to 30 credit hours through prior learning assessment.

## ■ PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Prior learning assessment (PLA), also known as Experiential Credit, is the term used to describe learning gained outside the realm of the traditional academic environment. Learning gained through work, employer training programs, military service, other independent study, and volunteer or community based service are all examples of where knowledge may be acquired. PLA is the evaluation and assessment of an individual's learning for college credit, certification, or advanced standing toward further education training. To learn more go to the Learning Counts website: [LearningCounts.org/Pages/Default.aspx](http://LearningCounts.org/Pages/Default.aspx)

## ■ BS CURRICULUM

Semester 1 – 15 hours	Credit Hours
English Comp I .....	3
DPEM 1101 Introduction to Incident Management .....	1
DPEM 1111 Introduction to Resource Management .....	1
DPEM 1121 Introduction to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Incidents.....	1
DPEM 2233 Framework of Healthcare Emergency Management .....	3
DPEM 2323 Respiratory Protection: Program Development ...	3
DPEM 2343 Introduction to Hazardous Materials .....	3
CMAC 1003 Mass Communications in Modern Society.....	3
<b>Semester 2 – 15 hours</b>	
English Comp II .....	3
College Algebra .....	3
DPEM 2213 Principles of HAZMAT Response .....	3
DPEM 2363 Fundamentals of CBRNE Crime Scene Management.....	3
DPEM 2353 Global Perspectives.....	3
<b>Semester 3 – 15 hours</b>	
Biological or Physical Science with lab .....	4
DPEM 2223 Hazardous Materials Containment .....	3
Support/Emphasis Elective .....	3
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Support/Emphasis Elective .....	2
<b>Semester 4 – 14-15 hours</b>	
POSC 2103 Intro to Government .....	3
DPEM 2313 Pandemic Planning & Preparedness .....	3
DPEM 2303 Environmental Health in Emergency Response....	3
Support/Emphasis Elective .....	3
Support/Emphasis Elective .....	2-3
<b>Semester 5 – 16 hours</b>	
Biological or Physical science with lab .....	4
DPEM 4503 Principles of Disaster Preparedness .....	3
DPEM 3553 Ethical Considerations in DPEM .....	3
DPEM 3563 Information Technology in DPEM.....	3
Literature or Philosophy.....	3

Semester 6 – 15 hours	Credit Hours
Fine Arts Visual, Musical or Theater.....	3
Social Science (Psychology, Sociology or Intro to Politics).....	3
DPEM 4533 Disaster Mental Health.....	3
SOC 4063 Sociology of Disasters .....	3
DPEM Support/Emphasis Elective .....	3

Semester 7 – 15 hours	Credit Hours
PR 4603 Crisis Communications.....	3
Social Science (Psychology, Sociology or Intro to Politics).....	3
DPEM 4513 Physical Care of CBRNE.....	3
DPEM 4563 Non-Government Agencies in DPEM.....	3
DPEM Support/Emphasis Elective.....	3

Semester 8 – 15 hours	Credit Hours
Statistics .....	3
DPEM 4553 Capstone in Homeland Security .....	3
DPEM 4523 Risk Identification and Prevention.....	3
DPEM Elective.....	3
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## ■ APPLICATION INFORMATION

Class size is limited and all applicants may not be accepted into the program. Interested individuals are encouraged to seek an advisor early in their college career to ensure that all prerequisite courses are completed in a timely manner.

All courses completed which apply toward the BS degree will be included in calculating the GPA for application. Courses that do not apply toward the BS degree will not be included in these GPA calculations.

Continued admission to this degree program is conditioned upon completion of prerequisite course(s) required, and acceptance by disaster preparedness and emergency management agencies for practicum experiences. Some of these agencies may require a background check.

## ■ APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Apply for admission to ASU. Contact the Office of Admissions at (870) 972-3024 for more information or online at [www.astate.edu](http://www.astate.edu)