

West Texas A&M University

Advising Services

Degree Checklist

2025-2026

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Name: _____ WT ID: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Management Administration B.A.A.S.

Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice (OM-414) (651-3310)

Degree: Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science (B.A.A.S.)

See the "Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees" section of the Catalog.

Major: Emergency Management Administration

BAAS.EMA

Major Codes: 603

The Emergency Management Administration (EMA) Program awards a professional management education to firefighters, emergency medical service providers, military personnel, private sector, and law-enforcement personnel through online courses. The EMA Program's goal is to prepare students for advanced levels of administration and management within the emergency services professions. Students pursuing a degree in Emergency Management Administration may also complete course work for a specialization in Leadership.

The EMA Degree Program was specially designed by West Texas A&M University in cooperation with the Texas Engineering Extension Service for non-traditional students who can complete the program while remaining employed full time in governmental or industrial emergency management positions.

The degree plan requires completion of an associate's degree at a community college or completion of appropriate technical-education courses at accredited technical-education facilities such as the National Fire Academy. The BAAS EMA program allows for academic credits to be transferred from technical courses taken at community colleges or technical-education facilities.

To be eligible for the EMA Program, a prospective student must have technical credit from a community college or technical-education facility, and must be currently employed in an emergency management profession.

The EMA major requires completion of a general education core curriculum of 42 credit hours, many of which may have been completed at a community college. The degree includes 39 credit hours of advanced professional-development courses within a 120-semester-hour degree plan. Many non-traditional students also transfer credit hours from other four-year universities in Texas and around the nation. At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) must be earned at WTAMU. Because the hours transferred to WTAMU are unique to each student, a student should request a formal degree plan immediately after being admitted to WTAMU.

University Core Curriculum Requirements (42 hours)

Semester Credit Hours

Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from ENGL options)

- ENGL 1301 or ENGL 1311

3

Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from COMM options)

- COMM 1315; COMM 1318; or COMM 1321

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Core 20 - Mathematics (3 hours)

- MATH 1314; MATH 1316; MATH 1324; MATH 1325; MATH 1332**; MATH 1342**; MATH 1350**; MATH 2412; or MATH 2413
(4th hour from 4-hour course moves to Core 90.)

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| Core 30 - Life and Physical Sciences (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">ANSC 1319; BIOL 1308 or BIOL 1406; BIOL 1309 or BIOL 1407; BIOL 1411; BIOL 1413; CHEM 1305 or CHEM 1411; CHEM 1412; ENVR 1407; GEOL 1301 or GEOL 1403; GEOL 1302; GEOL 1404; PHYS 1311; PHYS 1312; PHYS 1371; PHYS 1401; PHYS 1402; PHYS 2425; PHYS 2426; PSES 1301 or PSES 1307 <p>(Cannot receive University Core credit for both BIOL 1308 and BIOL 1406; or for both BIOL 1309 and BIOL 1407; or for both CHEM 1305 and CHEM 1411; or for both GEOL 1301 and GEOL 1403. CHEM 1305 does not count as a prerequisite for CHEM 1412.) (4th hour from 4-hour courses move to Core 90.)</p> | 3 | 3 |
| Core 40 - Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">ANTH 2351; ENGL 2321; ENGL 2326; ENGL 2331; ENGL 2341; ENGL 2343; HIST 2311; HIST 2323; HIST 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301; PHIL 2374; SPAN 2311; SPAN 2312 [or an equivalent course (second year or intermediate level) in a foreign language]; SPAN 2313; SPAN 2315; or SPAN 2371 | 3 | |
| Core 50 - Creative Arts (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">ARTS 1301; ARTS 1303; ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306; MUSI 1307; MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 | 3 | |
| Core 60 - American History (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">HIST 1301; HIST 1302; HIST 2301; HIST 2381; or HIST 2382 | 3 | 3 |
| Core 70 - Government / Political Science (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">POSC 2305 and POSC 2306 | 3 | 3 |
| Core 80 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">AGBE 2317; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301; ECON 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; or SOCI 1301 | 3 | |
| Core 90 - Component Area Option (6 hours or fewer; may depend on major requirements) <ul style="list-style-type: none">AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301; BUSI 1304; CIDM 1105; CIDM 1301 or CIDM 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101; ENGL 1102; ENGL 1302; ENGL 1312; ENGL 2311; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; or SES 1120 <p>(Cannot receive credit for both CIDM 1301 and CIDM 1315 for Core 90.) (ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 cannot count for English B.A. requirement.) (4th hours from 4-hour courses in Cores 20 and 30 may be used in this section.)</p> | 6 | |
| Emergency Management Administration Major Requirements ***** C or better required in all courses in the Major Requirements ***** | | |
| EMA Core Requirements (24 hours) | | |
| EMA 3310 - Introduction to Emergency Management | 3 | |
| EMA 3315 - Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation | 3 | |
| POSC 4307 - Municipal Government | 3 | |
| POSC 4331 - Administrative Law | 3 | |
| POSC 4348 - Ethics and the Justice and EMA Systems | 3 | |
| POSC 4352 - Administrative Management | 3 | |
| POSC 4353 - Public Administration | 3 | |
| POSC 4356 - Principles of Emergency Management | 3 | |
| EMA Statistics Requirement (3 hours) | | |
| EMA 3312 - Applied Statistics for First Responders or Any 3000-4000 level statistics course | 3 | |

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| EMA Capstone Requirement (3 hours) | |
| POSC 4350 - Directed Research | 3 |
| EMA Electives (6 hours) | |
| Nine hours from: EMA 3313 - Communication and Technology in EMA EMA 4349 - Emergency Management and Social Vulnerability EMA 4361 - Principles of Leadership EMA 4392 - Topics in Public Administration and Emergency Management POSC 4096 - Readings POSC 4351 - Nonprofit Administration and Management POSC 4354 - Public Personnel Administration POSC 4355 - Public Financial Administration POSC 4359 - Organizational Theory in the Public Sector | 6 |
| Leadership Specialization Option (9 hours) | |
| EMA 4349 - Emergency Management and Social Vulnerability | 3 |
| EMA 4361 - Principles of Leadership | 3 |
| POSC 4359 - Organizational Theory in the Public Sector | 3 |
| Electives (est. 33-42 hours) | |
| ***** C or better required in all courses in the Major Subject ***** | |
| Electives | 33-42 |
| Total hours required to complete degree: 120 hours | |
| Depending on transfer credits and other substitutions/waivers, student may need to take additional electives as needed to total a minimum of 120 hours or the minimum total hours required for this degree, of which at least 36 must be advanced (3000/4000 level) and earned at WTAMU. | |
| Prerequisites | |
| Some courses may require prerequisites. See the University Catalog for more information. | |
| ** MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 | |
| While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412). | |
| Advising Notes | |
| NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours. In addition, this document is used as an advising resource. For official information, please refer to the University Catalog. | |