The Bachelor of Emergency Management Services is designed to provide graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to perform professionally in the role of an emergency services organization or agency manager and learner. The curriculum has two options. One is a degree completion option for those with an associate’s degree. The other is for those without a degree. Both options are available online or on campus.
The degree completion option for BEMS requires the following:

**COMPLETION OF APPROVED ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE** *(a maximum of 64 semester hours transferred from an institution that awards associate’s degree)*; a minimum of 56 semester hours from a senior college or university; a minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division course; a minimum of 36 semester hours from Anderson University; a minimum of 36 semester hours of general education courses to include communications, statistics, literature, humanities, fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and Christian Studies.

The option for those without an associate’s degree or higher require the following:

**GENERAL EDUCATION** *(36 semester hours)* - courses in communications, literature, humanities, fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, math, and Christian Studies. These courses are viewed as being the liberal arts component of a degree and are foundational to upper division courses.

Both options require:

**EMS CORE** *(27 Semester hours)* - courses in emergency, safety, and disaster management, emergency services technology, leadership, public administration, crisis communication and information and intelligence.

**CONCENTRATION ELECTIVES** *(15 Semester hours)* - safety and disaster management, internship

**MAJOR ELECTIVES** *(9 Semester hours)* - upper level course that permit a student to take additional work in the specialized areas of computer information systems, management, and organizational leadership General Electives *(Sufficient hours to complete requirements for 123 hours for the degree – courses that permit a student to take additional work in subjects that interest them and that will be helpful in their careers. It is important to consult with an advisor when selecting electives.)*

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PROGRAM DETAILS

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (Degree Completion Option)

1. Completion of approved associate’s degree (a maximum of 64 semester hours transferred from an institution that awards only the associate’s degree)
2. A minimum of 56 semester hours from a four-year college or university
3. A minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division courses
4. A minimum of 36 semester hours from Anderson University
5. A minimum of 36 semester hours of general education courses to include MAT 101, 106 OR 108, and at least three semester hours from each of the following areas:
   a. Communication (ENG 101 and 102)
   b. Literature
   c. Natural Sciences
   d. Social/Behavioral Sciences (Note: PSY 101 and SOC 101 are prerequisites for several required upper level courses)
6. CHR 105 and CHR 305
7. A minimum of 123 total semester hours

GENERAL EDUCATION

ENG 101 - English Composition 3 semester hours
ENG 102 - English Composition 3 semester hours
Literature 3 semester hours
CHR 105 - Intro to the Bible 3 semester hours
CHR 305 - Christian Worldview 3 semester hours

MATHEMATICS/STATISTICS 3 semester hours
MAT 104 - Math for the Liberal Arts
MAT 106 - Algebra and Business Applications
MAT 108 - Finite Probability & Statistics 1

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS 3 semester hours

NATURAL SCIENCES 3 semester hours

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES 3 semester hours

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES/FINE ARTS 9 semester hours

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED 36 Semester Hours

CORE COURSES (for both options) 27 Semester Hours

ESM 310 - All Hazards Primer 3 semester hours
ESM 315 - Principles of Emergency Services Mgt. 3 semester hours
ESM 360 - Emergency Management Planning and Technical Writing 3 semester hours
ESM 375 - Crisis Communications and Leadership Crises 3 semester hours
ESM 451 - Emergency Services Technology 3 semester hours
ESM 490 - Senior Seminar 3 semester hours
CIS 101 - Intro to Computers OR
CIS 120 - Intro to Info Processing Systems
CRJ 325 - Incident Management and Planning for Emergencies 3 semester hours
CRJ 435 - Strategic Planning: Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness 3 semester hours

CONCENTRATION ELECTIVES (for both options) 15 Semester Hours

OLS 310 - Accounting/Budgeting Concepts for Managers 3 semester hours
ESM 335 - Safety Management 3 semester hours
ESM 342 - Social Dimensions of a Disaster 3 semester hours
ESM 415 - Disaster Management 3 semester hours
ESM 495 - Internship 3 semester hours

MAJOR ELECTIVES (for both options) 9 Semester Hours

CIS 352 - Management Information Systems 3 semester hours
MGT 441 - Management of Organizational Behavior 3 semester hours
ESM 410 - Integrated Response to Disaster 3 semester hours
ESM 423 - Info. Intelligence Fusion Operations 3 semester hours
ESM 442 - Public Administration 3 semester hours

TOTAL IN CORE COURSES 51 Semester Hours

HOURS TRANSFERRED IN 24 Semester Hours

(Courses in Emergency Medical Technology, Fire Science Technology, Nursing, Public Administration, Criminal Justice)

GENERAL ELECTIVES 12 semester hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 123 semester hours

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For consideration of federal and state funds, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA information is listed below. All online students receive a tuition discount, which makes them ineligible for institutional scholarships. The information below shows the various types of funds available to online students.

FAFSA INFORMATION
- PIN website: www.pin.ed.gov
- FAFSA website: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Anderson school code: 003418

COMPANY REIMBURSEMENT:
Many organizations offer their employees full or partial tuition reimbursement for furthering their education. Please check with your Human Resources Department to see if your organization participates. Contact our Financial Aid Planning Office for more information about how this works at Anderson. You can also print the Delayed Billing Agreement form to give to your employer.

VETERANS BENEFITS:
Anderson University is proud to partner with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in assisting our military veterans in obtaining their education. Check out our Veterans Benefits flier to learn how the process works. You can also contact our VA Certifying Official at: wfricks@andersonuniversity.edu or 864-231-5742.

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HISTORY
Anderson University traces its origins back to 1911, when it was chartered as a four-year college for women. Public-minded citizens of Anderson, South Carolina, wanted a college to be established in the growing area since a previous institution, The Johnson Female University had closed during the Civil War. With a donation of land and money from area citizens, the South Carolina Baptist Convention agreed to partner with those who wanted an institution of higher learning in Anderson, and the school opened its doors in 1912.

What we know as Anderson University has throughout its history adapted to the educational needs of South Carolinians and those outside the State seeking a great education in a Christian environment. In 2005, the school officially became Anderson University as it added graduate programs and reorganized into colleges. The University is in the midst of the biggest period of growth in its history, having nearly doubled in enrollment over the past 7 years. Today, 2,908 students enjoy a high-quality education in some 53 fields of study. AU’s scenic campus, located in the historic district of Anderson, South Carolina, benefits from its proximity to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the vibrant city of Greenville, South Carolina. Anderson’s campus has recently grown from its original 68 acres to more than 270 acres, including four new major building projects which have been completed within the past four years.
ABOUT ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY NATIONAL RECOGNITION
Anderson University has received numerous accolades and national recognition as an intentionally Christian university offering exceptional academics.

Recent recognitions, include:
• Top Tier University (#21) in the South - U.S. News & World Report
• One of “America’s 100 Best College Buys”
• One of the “49 Up and Coming Universities to Watch in the Nation” - U.S. News & World Report
• 139 Best Southeastern Universities - The Princeton Review
• The #2 Regional College in the South for “Excellence in Teaching” - U.S. News & World Report
• “A Best Christian College”

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY ONLINE
The online educational opportunities at Anderson University add value through convenience and flexibility, allowing busy, working students to advance their education and future. Anderson University is committed to academic excellence in all of its programs and has an established reputation as a school with a diverse and Christ-centered environment.

Anderson University provides a high-quality education so students are proficient and knowledgeable in their chosen professions. Anderson’s faculty members are dedicated and knowledgeable, and they model the principles of the Christian faith. Anderson University continually strives for success and provides a unique online and on-campus atmosphere that is extremely conducive to student achievement.

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1. HOW DO I PREPARE FOR ONLINE COURSES?
For your convenience, we offer a student training presentation that provides instructions on how to take an online course. The presentation is available upon request.

2. HOW WILL I ACCESS MY ONLINE COURSE?
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3. WILL I HAVE FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS WITH MY PROFESSOR?
Online courses are delivered entirely through the Internet. However, students can visit the campus and meet with professors during office hours if desired.

4. WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO LIBRARY RESOURCES?
Our library resources and services are available to all faculty and students wherever the programs or courses are located and however they are delivered.

5. HOW DO I GET HELP IF I CANNOT ACCESS MY ONLINE COURSE?
Anderson University provides all online students with access to our Online Student Help Desk via telephone Monday-Friday 8:30AM-10PM (EST) or via an online work request.