

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME...

TO EMERGENCY AND DISASTER *MANAGEMENT* PROGRAMOVERVIEW FOR RESIDENTIALMAJORS WITH HIGHLIGHTS FOR ONLINE STUDENTS



Information from the
Emergency and
Disaster Management
Program Director for
those interested in the
EDM Program.

DEAR STUDENTS, MY NAME IS DR. LISA BRIGGS, DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS (ONLINE AND RESIDENTIAL)

I HAVE PUT THIS POWER POINT TOGETHER TO ASSIST YOU IN BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH OUR CURRICULUM AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

#### **ELIMINATING CONFUSION**

There are two EDM programs at WCU,

- 1, The face to face residential program
- 2, The distance learning online program

This means do not try to take section 50/51 courses if you are a residential student. Those are for those students in the distance education program.

These programs are completely separate.

For now, residential students do not take "seats" in the distance learning (online) courses.

The one exception to this is SUMMER TERMS when we will be offering RESIDENTIAL SUMMER COURSES in EDM online. They are still coded as residential courses, just offered online. (not the Distance Education program).

Again, you are welcome to take EDM online courses in the summer, but they are not offered in fall or spring semesters.

#### DISTANCE EDUCATION

VS.

RESIDENTIAL

#### SPECIAL NOTE:

THIS PRESENTATION IS DESIGNED FOR RESIDENTIAL MAJORS BUT SIDE NOTES WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED WHEN HELPFUL FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS AS WELL.

PLEASE NOTE, THAT THE CURRICULUM IS **EXACTLY THE SAME** FOR ONLINE STUDENTS AS IT IS FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS. THIS POWER POINT CAN BE USED TO VIEW THE CURRICULUM.

IF YOU INTEND TO BE AN ONLINE STUDENT AND COMPLETE YOUR DEGREE VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION MAKE SURE THE UNIVERSITY HAS YOU SLOTTED AS SUCH. CONTACTING ADMISSIONS AND THE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM ARE IMPORTANT STEPS FOR YOU.

ALSO, BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR ONLINE COURSES AND NOT FACE TO FACE. THESE COURSES ARE TYPICALLY CODED AS SECTION 50 AND 51.

REGISTERING FOR FACE TO FACE COURSES WHEN YOU INTEND ON THEM BEING OFFERED ONLINE WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS SO PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THIS.

It is very important to apply and register for your intended mode of course delivery.

Residential Students will only be able to register for residential based course sections except in the summers.

#### Distance Education Students

You are also welcome to contact your advisor or me... and email is the best method to reach us.

\*We do ask that you review all of our information that we have pulled together for you first, and then ask us specific questions.

Also, pretty much any question can be searched for on the WCU home page in the top right corner under the magnifying glass icon.

**WCU HOMEPAGE** 

Aaron Vassey: Distance Education EDM Student Advisor

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Dr. Lisa Briggs: Director

lbriggs@wcu.edu

Academic Advisor in EDM for Online Students... Mr. Aaron Vassey



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The best way to get in touch with your advisor is to email him at the link above.



For those wishing to completetheir degree online... see this link...

https://www.wcu.edu/apply/distanceonline-programs/faq-for-distancelearning.aspx



#### DISTANCE EDUCATION VARY FROM THE TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL FRESHMEN IN THE FOLLOWING WAY.

- 1. FOR ADMISSION TO THE DISTANCE EDM PROGRAM STUDENTS MUST HAVE EITHER AN A.A.; A.S.; A.A.S.; OR SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARDS LIBERAL STUDIES.
  - 2. MOST STUDENTS ARE CAREER PROFESSIONALS, PLACE BOUND, AND TAKE COURSES PART –TIME
  - 3. THE DISTANCE COURSES ARE 8 WEEKS INTENSIVE SO AS TO HELP EXPEDITE DEGREE ACCOMPLISHMENT
  - 4. STUDENTS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO AVOID TRYING TO CARRY A HEAVY COURSE LOAD AND WORK FULL TIME.

\*8 week courses does not equate to half of the work of typical

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16 week courses. Be prepared for heay work loads.

Note, online students will need to declare that mode of curriculum delivery with WCUAdmissions and Education utreach

- Contact Mr. Tony Miller if you wish to be a distance education student.
- agmiller@email.wcu.edu
- If you wish to be an online student (completing your degree completely online), your advisor will be Mr. Aaron Vassey. You can contact him via email with any questions.
- pavassey@email.wcu.edu

#### Residential EDM Students

You will have an advisor from the university advising center upon your arrival Then you will be assigned an EDM faculty advisor after 45 hours of course work (liberal studies) has been completed.

You are encouraged however to drop by and meet your EDM faculty right away. We are eager to meet you.

If you are just considering coming to WCU, here is a helpful link.

#### For Residential Students...

#### DECLARING EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT AS YOUR MAJOR



https://www.wcu.edul\_fil es/distance-onlinees/distance-onlineprograms/How Do I De programs/How Do I De gree Audit.pdf MANY FRESHMEN COME INTO THE PROGRAM ALREADY DECLARED AS AN EDM MAJOR; \*OFTEN DONE AT TIME OF ADMISSIONS

IF YOU ARE DECLARED, YOU CAN SEE WHO YOUR EDM ADVISOR IS BY LOOKING ON YOUR DEGREE AUDIT/ EVALUATION

YOU WILL HAVE AN ADVISOR FROM THE ADVISING CENTER INITIALLY WHO WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH LIBERAL STUDIES YOUR FIRST TWO YEARS, THEN YOU WILL HAVE AN EDM FACULTY ADVISOR TAKE OVER FROM THERE.

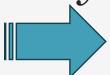
YOU CAN GENERATE YOUR DEGREE AUDIT VIA MYWCU (SEE LINK BELOW)

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ASSIGNED EDM ADVISOR-PLEASE CONTACT:

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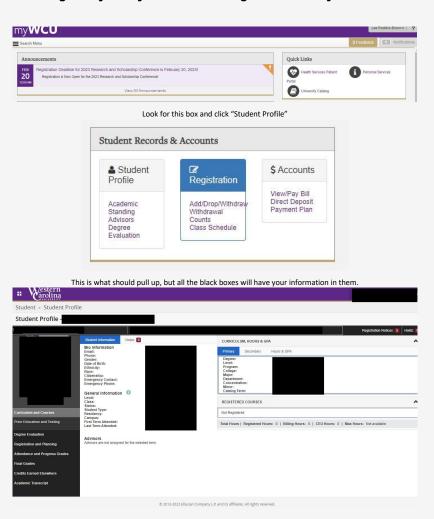
IF YOU WISH TO CHANGE A MAJOR ONCE A STUDENT AT WCU, YOU CAN DO SO BY ONE OF TWO WAYS....

#### Once You Are Accepted to University...



How to Run a
Degree Audit
That Shows
What Classes
You Need to
Take.

#### Log in to your myWCU account to get started - my.wcu.edu



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Residential Freshmen and Sophomores will have assistance from the Advising Center in creating their schedules (up to 45 hours).

\*After that,

you are required to meet with your EDM advisor on the official Advising Day.

\*Your advisor will provide your registration pin and approve your schedule.

You must bring your degree evaluation and tentative schedule to your advising session.

\*It is important for you to take all the EDM courses as they are offered or you will not graduate in 8 semesters.

#### HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

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https://www.wcu.edu/registra r/pdf/how\_to\_register\_for\_a\_ class.pdf search=How%2oto%2oregiste r%2ofor%2oclasses After your schedule has been approved by your EDM Advisor, you can go to this link to register for courses. Be sure to preselect "Emergency and Disaster Management."

Note the difference between distance (online) courses and residential courses.

Residential students: Do not try to register for sections 50 or 51 if you are residential.

There are also Criminal Justice courses that can apply to EDM!

Check those out...

# Some things to know

- Students can only "double dip" with the Upper-Level perspective requirement in Liberal Studies
- Apply for graduation online one semester prior to graduation.
- Students are responsible for filing their application to graduate <u>on-time</u> and it is **your** responsibility to make sure all of your requirements have been met and your GPA is sufficient for graduation.
- Use your audit as a guide. Make sure all requirements are met.
- Be in control of your own education!

#### Graduation Requirements

A MINIMAL OF 120 TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED (NO EXCEPTIONS!)

AT LEAST A 2.0 GPA IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM WCU.

42 HOURS OF LIBERAL STUDIES CREDITS ARE REQUIRED

48 HOURS OF EDM ARE REQUIRED

30 HOURS OF GENERAL ELECTIVES CREDITS ARE REQUIRED (WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THESE CREDITS TOWARDS A MINOR OR SECOND MAJOR)

STUDENTS WHO DOUBLE MAJOR ARE AWARDED TWO DEGREES

#### Finish in Four Initiatives

After 60% of the semester has passed, students cannot withdraw and WILL get a grade

Students may withdraw from a maximum of 16 hours – after that, a withdrawal will result in an F

If you intend to withdraw from a course, pay attention to deadlines and make sure you actually withdraw (officially)

Grade replacement: Students may repeat a maximum of 16 credit hours and while only the most recent grade will be factored into GPA, all attempts will show on transcript. Replacing a grade does NOT result in additional hours being added.

Academic Standing: Students are required to successfully complete at least 67% of their attempted semester hours

#### ATTENTION TRANSFER STUDENTS!!

At least 25% of your college courses MUST be 300 or 400 level courses from WCU.

At least 50% (25 hours) of your EDM major credits must be earned at WCU.

Transfer students will likely have more than the minimal 120 overall hours

### EDM Curriculum

Required Major Core Courses (9 credit hours)

Required Specialty Area Courses

(39 credit hours)

There are 4 specialty areas that you will choose courses from

We recently added 14 new EDM courses

We have revamped the curriculum

We have included interdisciplinary course options

We have partnered with Criminal Justice to offer a useful double major

#### Exciting Curriculum

#### **Emergency and Disaster Management Course Numbers and Titles**

EDM 250 Introduction to Emergency and Disaster Management (required)

EDM 260 Research Methods in Emergency and Disaster Management (required)

EDM 320 Statistical Analysis in Emergency and Disaster Management (required)

EDM 322 Social Dimensions of Disaster

EDM 324: Emergency Planning

EDM 326 Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Analysis

EDM 332 Disaster Response Operations and Management

EDM 335: Principles of Hazard Mitigation

EDM 340: Political and Policy Basis of Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 341: Debris/Waste Management and Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 343: Fire Services and Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 345: Weather and Disaster

EDM 348: Recovering from Disaster

EDM 349: Humanitarian Response and Disaster Relief

EDM 350: Cyber Terrorism

EDM 351: Resource Management

EDM 352: Disaster and Crime

EDM 355: Stress, Personal Welfare and Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 356: International Disaster and Catastrophe

EDM 358: Vulnerable Populations and Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 360 Asset Protection & Critical Infrastructure

EDM 365 Riots, Civil Unrest and Crowd Control

EDM 370: Communication, Media and Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 375: Biothreat and Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 400: Missing Persons and Search and Rescue

EDM 405 GIS and Emergency Mapping

EDM 406 Incident Management Systems

EDM 410: Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 435 Homeland Security

EDM 448 Emergency Exercise Design and Evaluation

EDM 452: Legal Issues in Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 453: Agriculture, Farm and Disaster

EDM 457: Terrorism

EDM 458: Grant Writing in Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 460: Case Studies in Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 495: Senior Seminar in Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 480: Independent Study in Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 483: Internship in Emergency and Disaster Management

EDM 493: Topics in Emergency and Disaster Management

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# EXCITING NEW COURSES!

#### Emergency and Disaster Management Program (EDM)

Updated version, 2020

Degree Requirements: Minimal of 120 hours to obtain Bachelor of Science Degree.

Of those 120 hours, include the following.

- \*42 hours of liberal studies (waived by community college A.A. or A.S. degrees, \*not waived with A.A.S degree).
- \*48 hours minimal of EDM course work (required EDM core courses and EDM area concentrations courses).
- \*30 hours elective credit (including a minor, double major, internship, or any other EDM courses not being used to satisfy the EDM requirements).

# What is Required for the Degree?

EDM Required Core Courses Are...



\*EDM 250
Introduction to
Emergency and
Disaster Management
(\*required pre-req.)



EDM 260 Research Methods in Emergency and Disaster Management



EDM 495 Senior Seminar in Emergency and Disaster Management

# What is Required for the Degree?

EDM Required "Area of Concentration"

Courses:



1, 2, 3, and 4: Courses Required in Each Area (39 Hours Required)

# What is Required for the Degree?

#### AREA OF CONCENTRATIONS....39 HOURS TOTAL

EDM 410: Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Emergency and Disaster Management

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Area One: Conceptual/Technical	Area Two:	Area Three:	Area Four:	
Take Three of the following (9 hours)	Social/Political	Experiential/Interdisciplinary	Free Choice Among EDM Electives	
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	(9 hours)	(6 hours)	(15 hours)	
EDM 324: Emergency Planning	EDM 322: Social Dimensions of Disaster	EDM 483: Internship in Emergency and Disaster Management *Must have Director approval	Choose EDM courses not otherwise being used to satisfy requirements from areas 1, 2, 3 (internships, research studies, 493s, and ALL EDM electives qualify).	
EDM 326: Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Analysis	EDM 340: Political and Policy Basis of Emergency and Disaster Management	EDM 480: Independent Study in Emergency and Disaster Management *Must have Instructor approval	Up to 15 hours of transfer credit can be applied to this category as EDM 19a or EDM 39a credit.	
EDM 332: Disaster Response Operations and Management	EDM 348: Recovering from Disaster	EDM 320: Statistical Analysis in Emergency and Disaster Management		
EDM 335: Principles of Hazard Mitigation	EDM 349: Humanitarian Response and Disaster Relief	EDM 458: Grant Writing in Emergency and Disaster Management		
EDM 341: Debris/Waste Management and Emergency and Disaster Management	EDM 352: Disaster and Crime	CJ 150: Introduction to Criminal Justice		
EDM 343: Fire Services and Emergency and Disaster Management	EDM 355: Stress, Personal Welfare and Emergency and Disaster Management	CJ 204: Criminal Law		
EDM 345: Weather and Disaster	EDM 356: International Disaster and Catastrophe	CJ 370: Ethicso		
EDM 350: Cyber Terrorism	EDM 358: Vulnerable Populations and Emergency and Disaster Management	EMC 445: EMC Systems Mgn.		
EDM 351: Resource Management	EDM 365: Riots, Civil Unrest and Crowd Control	PSC 327: State and Local Government PSC 322: Public Administration		
EDM 360: Asset Protection & Critical Infrastructure	EDM 370: Communication, Media, and Emergency and Disaster Management	Comm 400: Crisis Communication		
EDM 375: Biothreat and Emergency and Disaster Management	EDM 452: Legal Issues in Emergency and Disaster Management	Anthro 300: Forensic Osteology		
EDM 400: Missing Persons and Search and Rescue	EDM 453: Agriculture, Farm and Disaster			
EDM 405: GIS and Emergency Mapping	EDM 460: Case Studies in Emergency and Disaster Management			
EDM 406: Incident Management Systems				

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C2 Math- 3 hours C5 Physical & Biologi	
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C3 Comm 201-3 hours hours	
General Elective/or minor – 3 hours P3 History-3 hours	
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P1 Social Science- 3 hours P6 World Cultures -3	
C <sub>5</sub> Physical & Biological Sciences- 3 hours EDM 260/Research M	_
P4 Humanities -3 hours General Elective/min	_
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#### RESIDENTIAL EDM MAJOR

EIGHT SEMESTER PLAN FOR EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT:

REQUIREMENTS:

LIBERAL STUDIES: 42 CREDIT HOURS

*EDM COURSES:* 48 CREDIT HOURS

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 30 CREDIT HOURS

TOTAL HOURS FOR EDM B.S. DEGREE IS 120

#### Information for single majors of either *EDM* or CJ for the residentialprogram only

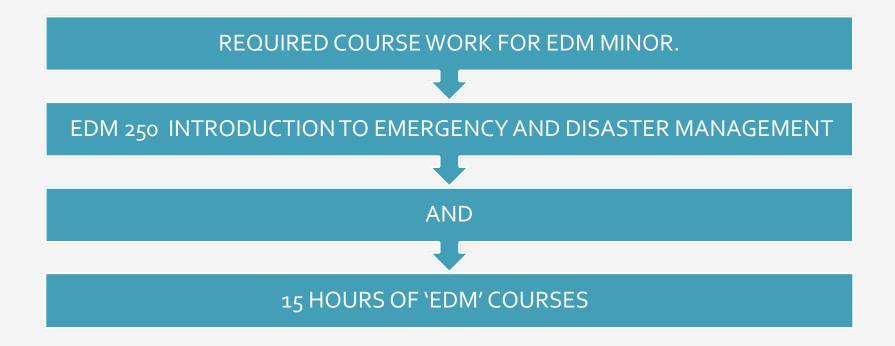
- If a student is a CJ major, they can take 9 hours of EDM elective credit to satisfy category 4 requirements in CJ elective area.
- See the degree audit for EDM course options. Again sections 50 and 51 are for those students in the distance program.
- If a student is an EDM major, they can take 9 hours of CJ (intro, ethics, and criminal law) to satisfy area three in the EDM curriculum.

#### Information for Double Majors with CJ and EDM

## Residential only

- If a student chooses to double major in CJ and EDM, up to 6 classes can be taken to satisfy requirements in both majors. For example, if a student is a double major and they take CJ 280 "research methods," it will satisfy the research methods requirement in EDM. This does not however equate to 6 hours of credit (for only a three hour class). There has been confusion on this. The requirement can be satisfied, but continue to pay attention to total hours.
- This "cross count" ONLY applies if a student is a DOUBLE major with CJ.
- \*Please note, the possibility may exists that your advisor may have to make manual entries to the degree audit.

#### Minor in EDM



An EDM minor requires all 18 hours to be EDM courses (the prefix must be EDM)

# EDM Internships Must be approved prior to registering

Internships in Emergency and Disaster Management are highly encouraged, Regina Cline is the new EDM and CJ Internship Coordinator. ALL internships MUST be preapproved. Do not register for an internship unless prior approval has been granted.

rcline@email.wcu.edu

We encourage you to participate in an internship, and the most appropriate time is the summer between your junior and senior year.

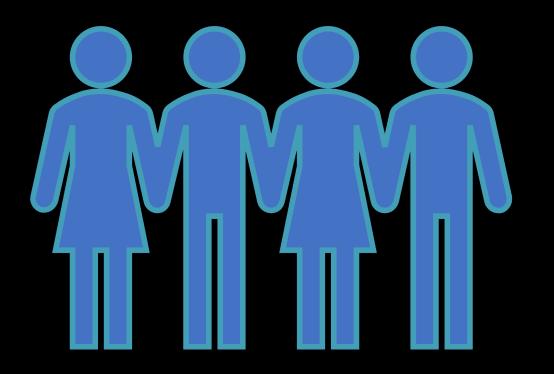
You may not participate at a department where you currently work or volunteer- or where an immediate relative is employed.

In addition to being approved for an internship, if you intend to earn more than three credit hours credit, you must be preapproved and you must register for multiple sections of EDM 483.

CJ offers aminor which is 21 hours that would count in your general elective category.

https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departmentsschools-colleges/cas/socialsciences/crimcj/

#### EDM Student Association



- Check it out, put it on your resume, become an officer, participate in activities such as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training and Certification
- Volunteer Opportunities for Disaster Relief
- Work with your faculty on special research and "boots on the ground" experience

Please see Michael Mazarky for more <u>information</u>.

mmazarky@email.wcu.edu

#### A Bit on Transfer Credit!

- It is important to understand how transfer credit works.
- WCU does a great job of accepting transfer credit but often there is confusion on where the transfer credit goes once it is transfered into WCU.
- Simply stated here, I think students get confused about where their community college credit gets allocated (to liberal studies, to the major, or to general electives). All three of these are required in order to receive a 4 year degree- so as long as the credit is awarded to some category -the credit counts.
- Another confusion is in the type of degree being transferred. Be sure to review the difference between A.A. / A.S. Degrees and A.A.S Degrees for example. The A.A.S for example is considered a terminal degree at the community colleges.
- A.A. (Associates of Arts)
- A.S. (Associates of Science)
- A.A.S (Associates of Applied Science)

### Transfer Credit...

Know what degree you are trying to transfer and how articulation varies

- Note again that the Associates of Arts

   (A.A) and the Associates of Science
   (A.S.) can waive all of the liberal studies requirements at WCU.
- The Associates of Applied Science
   (A.A.S) is viewed as a terminal degree at the community college and while courses DO transfer, this degree does NOT waive liberal studies requirements.
- Students who know they want to transfer to a four year university such as WCU EDM program are advised to obtain one of the first two degrees listed above if they desire to have liberal studies completed prior to admissions.
- All of the EDM courses that a student needs will be offered through WCU online.

Or residentially depending on the program one is in...

### Transfer Credit...

- We accept transfer credit and have many articulation agreements already in place with NC community colleges.
- Only courses with a C or better average will transfer.
- Up to 15 hours (18 if the EDM Introduction course is transferred) of transfer credit can be applied and satisfy one whole specialty area in the WCU EDM curriculum (area 4).
- Transfer credit will come in as EDM elective credit 19a or 39a credits.
- Allow transfer courses to come in as EDM general electives allows for students to move expediently through the program and not wait for a course to be offered online that they need.
- Remaining transfer credit will satisfy either liberal studies or the needed 30 hours of general electives.

### Transfer Credit...

- It is the student's responsibility to make sure that they request formal transcripts to be sent to the registrar's office for articulation.
- Verification that transcripts have been sent and received is important.
- WCU EDM does not accept training credits in lieu of course requirements.
- WCU EDM does not have a way to count life experience as academic credit.

## WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU IN OUR PROGRAM!