FIRE and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Oklahoma State University’s Master of Science in Fire and Emergency Management Administration

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One of the unique benefits of the program is the interaction with students from across the country and internationally. The program is offered not only in the United States, but also in the Republic of Korea with plans to expand to Brazil and Taiwan. Other countries courses have been offered include Turkey, Singapore and the United Kingdom.

The M.S. degree is a professional degree aimed to prepare students for leadership positions in fire and emergency management. The 39 credit-hour curriculum integrates a broad understanding of fire and emergency studies coupled with a firm grounding in leadership, policy, public administration, disaster management, risk assessment, hazard communication and applied research.

Elective courses in international disaster studies, complex emergencies, terrorism, volunteerism and vulnerable populations are also offered. Students include both full-time students and working professionals, such as professional firefighters, chief officers and emergency managers.
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