

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (PSHA)

The Public Safety and Health Administration (PSHA) program is concerned with the administration of public agencies, at all levels of government, which promote community health and safety. Fire, police, public works, public health, and emergency medical services frequently interact to prevent, manage, and reduce the consequences of all forms of public emergencies. The PSHA program prepares professionals in emergency response and allied health agencies for increased management and administration responsibilities, thus enhancing career opportunities.

Bachelor of Science - Public Safety and Health Administration Major

MAJOR CODE: 43.0201

Program components of the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Public Safety and Health Administration include:

1. **APPLICABLE GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To graduate, each student must:

- complete a minimum of 33 semester hours of the last 39 semester hours at ASU.
- complete 60 to 64 semester hours of upper level college/university credit (300-400 level courses).
- complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper (300/400) level coursework in his or her major at Athens State University, not including courses taken by consortium arrangement. School or departmental regulations may require more than 15 semester hours of coursework in the major at Athens State University.
- complete all course requirements for major(s).
- complete all course requirements for minor (if applicable).
- complete all of the general education requirements for the degree.
- attain an overall grade point average of 2.0, a 2.0 on all coursework attempted at Athens State University and at least a 2.0 in the major field. School or departmental regulations may require more than a 2.0 grade point average (see major requirements in each discipline).
- complete the total hour requirement as specified by the degree.
- complete the teacher certification requirements (if applicable).

EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.

2. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Area I.	Written Composition	6 semester hours	__ __
Area II.	Humanities/Fine Arts (12 semester hours)		
	At least one fine arts course	3 semester hours	__
	At least one literature course	3 semester hours	__
	Other Humanities/Fine Arts courses	6 semester hours	__ __
Area III.	Mathematics and Natural Sciences (11 semester hours)		
	Finite Math or its equivalent required	3 semester hours	__
	Natural Sciences (lab based) required	8 semester hours	__ __
Area IV.	History/Behavioral and Social Sciences (12 semester hours)		
	At least one history course	3 semester hours	__
	Other History/Behavioral or Social Science courses	9 semester hours	__ __ __
<u>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</u>		41 SEMESTER HOURS	

3. **MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)**
The Public Safety and Health Administration major must complete
 CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications or
 CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers 3 semester hours ___
 The remaining hours in Area V must be completed in Fire Sciences, Nursing,
 Fire Services Management (FCS), Criminal Justice (CJ), Emergency
 Medical Services (EMS), Allied Health, or Environmental Management 20 semester hours ___ ___ ___ ___

TOTAL MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: 23 SEMESTER HOURS
- TOTAL GEN. ED. REQ. AND MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: 64 SEMESTER HOURS**
4. **PROFESSIONAL COURSES:**
 PO 303 Comparative State and Local Government 3 semester hours ___
 PO 304 Problems of American Government 3 semester hours ___
 PO 342 Methods of Behavioral Science Research or PSHA 401 Measurement 3 semester hours ___
 and Evaluation
 PSHA 349 Human Resources Management 3 semester hours ___
 PSHA 350 Introduction to the American Legal System or
 PO 355 Health Policy in the U.S. 3 semester hours ___
 PSHA 354 Contemporary Health and Physical Education Activities 3 semester hours ___
 PSHA 375 Organizational Behavior 3 semester hours ___
 PSHA 377 Public Administration 3 semester hours ___
 PSHA 446 Public Safety Concepts and Systems 3 semester hours ___
 PSHA 455 Public Administration Ethics 3 semester hours ___
 PSHA 465 Senior Research Project 4 semester hours ___
 PSHA/JS/PO/MG Electives (approved by Faculty Advisor) 3 semester hours ___
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL HOURS: 37 SEMESTER HOURS
5. A minimum of 27 semester hours of upper division JS/PO/PSHA coursework must be completed at Athens State University.
6. A minor is **not** required.
7. **GENERAL ELECTIVES 23 Semester Hours** ___ ___ ___ ___

8. **TOTAL HOURS FOR GRADUATION: 124 SEMESTER HOURS**

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION EXTRA-INSTITUTIONAL CREDIT

Students majoring in Public Safety and Health Administration may be eligible to obtain up to a maximum of 12 semester hours upper-division academic credit for experience and advanced professional certifications. Academic credit may be awarded for official professional certification in a public safety and/or allied health field and/or work experience in a public safety or allied health supervisory and/or administrative position. Credit for basic certificates or credit previously awarded at another level or through another institution will not be duplicated.

Students meeting the qualifications for extra-institutional credit must register for particular courses based upon the students' credentials. Each course is 3 semester hours credit, and carries the standard per hour tuition. Students assume the responsibility for registering for the appropriate course(s), and for submitting to their Public Safety and Health Administration Faculty Advisor all appropriate certificate copies and documentation of appropriate work experiences. Students successfully documenting advanced professional skills and administrative experience will be awarded a score of P (passing) for appropriate coursework. Students may not register for this coursework their first term at Athens State University, but may register for this coursework during any subsequent term.

The particular courses for which qualified students should register are listed below with appropriate criteria.

- PSHA 459** Public Safety or Healthcare Supervisor (Must provide a letter of appointment from agency)
- PSHA 460** Public Safety or Healthcare Manager/Administrator (Must provide a letter of appointment from agency)
- PSHA 461** Paramedic/Public Safety or Healthcare Instructor (Must provide copy of certificate)
- PSHA 462** Haz-Mat Technician (Must provide copy of certificate)
- PSHA 463** Haz-Mat Specialist (Must provide copy of certificate)