



## **HSEM Master of Science Application Requirements and Process** *Applications Accepted during All Semesters*

Idaho State University is pleased that you're interested in the MS in HSEM degree. ISU invites applications for admission to the Graduate School from students holding baccalaureate degrees from any regionally accredited college or university in the United States or with equivalent preparation acquired in another country.

### **MS in HSEM Program Highlights**

- Ten courses (nine with a waiver for a prior related degree)
  - 30 Graduate level credits (9 courses)
  - 3 Undergraduate credits (one course) for those without an HSEM related BS degree (waived for those with a related degree)
  - Online, asynchronous courses
  - Start in the Fall or Spring
  - Graduate in as few as 16-months or go slower for greater flexibility
  - Option to complete a thesis or a capstone project proposal
  - All students pay in-state tuition regardless of state of residency, tuition is approximately \$592 per credit including fees (less for Full Time status)\*<sup>1</sup>\*<sup>2</sup>
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### **Admissions Requirements and How To Apply**

1. Review the MS in Homeland Security and Emergency Management Degree website at <https://www.isu.edu/esd/hsem/masters/>
2. (Optional) Schedule a meeting with Laurie Holien, Professor and HSEM Program Director
  - a. <https://laurieholien.youcanbook.me/>
3. Gather Application Materials:
  - a. Transcripts
  - b. Two letters of recommendation (provide name and contact info). They will be contacted directly for a confidential recommendation request.
  - c. Self-Reflection Essay (5 pg, double spaced).
  - d. Resume or Curricula Vitae (CV)
  - e. Application Fee - \$65
4. Apply on the ISU Graduate Programs Website - <https://www.isu.edu/apply/>
  - a. Create an Account
5. A GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students who do not meet the minimum GPA may be admitted conditionally with performance requirements.
6. Background Check Acknowledgement
7. Prerequisite: Applicants with a BS/BA degree in a field not closely related to Homeland Security or Emergency Management must complete HSEM 3301 Overview to Homeland Security and Emergency Management as a program prerequisite, despite work experience.
  - a. HSEM 3301 is offered every semester as an Undergraduate level course.
8. ISU HSEM undergraduate students may apply to enter the Accelerated BS to MS program during

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<sup>1</sup> All online HSEM students will receive a non-resident tuition waiver regardless of residency.

<sup>2</sup> The average PT in-state graduate tuition for the 25-26 academic year is \$498 per credit (fees not included).



their Junior or Senior year and have the option to take up to three BS courses at the MS level.

9. Admission Interview: Once your file is complete you may be contacted for an interview with a review committee

**International Applicants:**

International students must complete the Statement of Financial Guarantee.

Applicants educated in an institution where English is not the language of instruction are required to submit official score results for TOEFL (internet-based test score of 80 or paper-based test score of 550), IELTS (6.5). Please contact the International Program Office for more details.

**Exception:** International students whose undergraduate education took place in Australia, Canada (English-speaking provinces), United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand, or the U.S. are exempt from this requirement. Students born in one of these countries yet educated elsewhere are still required to satisfy the English proficiency requirement.

**For More Information:**

Contact Laurie Holien, Director of the HSEM Program, 208-373-1761, [laurieholien@isu.edu](mailto:laurieholien@isu.edu); or schedule an appointment here - <https://laurieholien.youcanbook.me>

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