

**COURSE OUTLINE—NEW COURSE FOR BAS SUPERVISION AND
ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT
PAD3821—CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN PUBLIC SAFETY**

I. COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE

PAD3821 – Contemporary Issues in Public Safety

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

PAD 3821 is a 3 credit hour course to provide a common foundation to students in contemporary issues related to public safety management and organization.

III. RATIONALE

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Organizational Management (BAS SOM) program is designed to equip students with technical and applied management skills, enabling them to enhance the productivity and efficiency of organizations. PAD 3821 is a required course for completion of the Public Safety Management concentration in the BAS SOM program and will introduce students to practical competencies and attitudes necessary for effective leadership and management across public safety organizations. Students will enroll in this course during their second year in the program.

IV. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This is a required course for students focusing in the Public Safety Management concentration. Prerequisites: MAN 3930, at minimum an AA or AS degree, college admission requirements, and admission to the SOM degree program, or with departmental permission. The course will require additional course loads for existing faculty or the hiring of part-time faculty.

V. COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES (SOM Program Outcome)

1. Prepare organizations and manage structures, processes, and personnel for high performance, including organization design, team work, goal setting, strategic planning, organizational development, and values management (PS #1).
2. Review current issues and management practices in public safety disciplines, homeland security and impacts to these disciplines: Criminal Justice, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management and Homeland Security. (PS #3)

VI. GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

1. Analyze current issues related to public safety administration and homeland security and their implications to the field.

2. Research a current topic and develop knowledge and technology skills for presentation of information.
3. Analyze a problem, using insights, principles, and techniques for evaluating solutions to current issues.
4. Apply critical thinking skills in the formulation of recommendations for solutions to current issues.

VII. TOPICS

1. Field of public safety today
2. Issues for criminal justice agencies – policy
3. Issues for criminal justice agencies - trends
4. Issues for criminal justice agencies – professional practices
5. Issues for EMS agencies - policy
6. Issues for EMS agencies - trends
7. Issues for EMS agencies – professional practice
8. Issues for Fire agencies - policy
9. Issues for Fire agencies - trends
10. Issues for Fire agencies – professional practice
11. Issues for Emergency Management - policy
12. Issues for Emergency Management - trends
13. Issues for Emergency Management - practices
14. Homeland security directives and trends
15. Training for public safety
16. Coordination for public safety

VIII. SUGGESTED METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

1. Lecture
2. Case studies
3. Online resources
4. Public safety agency familiarization / tours

IX. SUGGESTED METHODS OF EVALUATION

1. Quizzes
2. Projects
3. Public safety agency ride-alongs
4. Class discussions
5. Exams

X. TEXTBOOK

None – Periodicals and professional journals, web sites for FEMA and the national Fire Academy, and recent studies taken from literature representing the discipline of public safety.