About the Program

The Department of Safety Management offers a hands-on, practical and applied bachelor of science degree in safety management. The safety management major is designed to assure development of competencies which enable innovative approaches in the establishment and direction of comprehensive safety programs in educational and governmental programs, private businesses and industrial enterprises. Safety management involves protecting and preserving people, property, productivity, and the environment. The curriculum fosters an education that enables students to become responsible, knowledgeable and accountable safety professionals. The major is based on safety management concepts with technical elements incorporated throughout the curriculum.

The bachelor of science degree in safety management at Slippery Rock University meets the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) requirements as a Qualified Academic Program (QAP).

The bachelor of science degree in safety management is an Institute for Safety and Health Management (ISHM) Board approved Degree Program.

Major
- Safety Management (BS)
Board of Certified Safety Professionals
Upon graduation, Slippery Rock University Safety Majors are awarded the Graduate Safety Practitioner (GSP) designation which waives the Associate Safety Professionals (ASP) examination and provides a pathway to the professional certification of a Certified Safety Professional (CSP). Upon four years of qualifying experience, Safety Management graduates are eligible to sit for the CSP examination. Accredited by the American Standards Institute and the National Council on Competency Assessment.
For additional information, visit www.bcsv.org

Institute for Safety and Health Management
Upon graduation, Slippery Rock University Safety Majors are eligible for the Associate Safety and Health Certification (ASHM) designation since the examination is waived. The ASHM provides a pathway to the professional certification of a Certified Safety and Health Manager (CSHM). Upon two years of qualifying experience, Safety Management graduates are eligible to sit for the CSHM examination. Accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards.
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Internships
Internships offer students the opportunity to obtain first-hand experience in the workplace. Students are provided the opportunity to apply concepts and techniques learned in the classroom to the workplace environment. The internship program is administered in cooperation with a variety of organizations, including government, industry, insurance, healthcare and other related enterprises. The mandatory, 12-credit internship opportunity is offered only during the summer term with the majority of interns receiving compensation.

Student Organizations
All students accepted into the safety management major are encouraged to be student members of both the American Society of Safety Engineers and the student section of ASSE at Slippery Rock University. Students are also encouraged to attend meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops as part of their professional educational growth.

Career Opportunities
Upon completion of the degree, safety management majors are prepared for entry-to mid-level administrative, managerial and supervisory positions in the field of safety. Positions include, but are not limited to, risk manager, safety consultant, safety professional, safety, health and environmental manager, safety engineer, industrial hygienist and safety and health compliance officer.