The Master of Science in Occupational Safety Management program has been developed online to meet the needs of working professionals who are interested in advancing their education in safety. Specifically, the online program is marketed towards individuals with undergraduate degrees in safety or a related field and towards individuals with work experience in the safety and health field. For those students without experience or an educational background, some live courses on campus will be required.

Is There A Deadline To Apply?
Applications are accepted at any time. Courses run on a semester basis beginning in January and August. Summer courses are also available beginning in May. Courses tend to fill quickly, so it is recommended that you apply several months prior to your anticipated starting date.

Can I Work At My Own Pace?
Online courses offer a great deal of convenience, but the courses are not designed to be self-paced. Courses have specific beginning and ending dates with assignments, projects, tests, etc. due as the syllabus dictates.

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Requirements for Acceptance into the Program
To be accepted into this program, an applicant must hold a baccalaureate degree with a grade point average of 2.5. An applicant must submit a 3-5 page essay that demonstrates writing skills and relates proposed graduate degree learning outcomes to professional goals. Application for admission will not be considered by the department prior to submission of the required essay.

A Program of Study/Degree Audit should be submitted to the graduate program advisor as soon as admission procedures are complete. An applicant must have completed a semester of business or industrial management, a semester of behavioral science (i.e. psychology or sociology), one semester of two different college level science classes with laboratory (i.e. chemistry, life science or biology), and a semester of college level algebra and statistics.

Graduate Requirements
SAFE 5010 Organization, Administration, & Supervision of Safety Programs 3
SAFE 5120 Principles of Industrial Hygiene 3
SAFE 5430 Occupational Hazard Management 3
SAFE 5940 Current Literature & Research in Safety 3
SAFE 5800 Managing Fire Risk 3
SAFE 6930 Individual Research 3
or
SAFE 6950 Thesis 6
Department Approved Graduate Electives 12-15
Minimum Graduate Hour Total 33

Some of the electives include Ergonomics, Environmental Compliance, Water Quality and Waste Water Management, Environmental Air Quality and Pollution Prevention, Food Safety, and more.

How Many Classes Should I Take Each Semester?
This will vary by student. Full-time students on campus take 9 hours a semester. For students who work full-time and/or have families, it is recommended that you start with one course per semester. The classes are work intensive and will require a substantial time commitment.

Apply to UCM
Complete your application at: ucmo.edu/graduate and be sure to provide the School of Graduate & Extended Studies with official transcripts. Those transcripts can be sent to:

University of Central Missouri
School of Graduate & Extended Studies
Ward Edwards Room 1800
Warrensburg, MO 64093

If you have any questions about applying, contact the School of Graduate & Extended Studies at 877-729-8266 ext. 3.

Course Enrollment
For assistance with enrollment contact the School of Graduate & Extended Studies 877-729-8266 ext. 21 or extcampus@ucmo.edu