

Fire Services Administration

The Fire Services Administration program is cooperatively offered by Western Oregon University (WOU) and Eastern Oregon University (EOU) through a consortium arrangement. Core FSA courses, or “institutes,” are sponsored by both universities in EOU’s onsite and online offerings and through WOU’s Degrees at a Distance correspondence offerings. Chemeketa Community College and Portland Community College are the two-year college consortium members. State standard guidance comes from a fifth member, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). All course objectives and outcomes correspond to the requirements of DPSST. By agreement, EOU accepts WOU’s Degrees at a Distance Program fire service courses and they are applied as residency credit; WOU accepts EOU’s Prior Learning credit as appropriate within the degree program. EOU prior learning credits count towards residency at EOU. The BA/BS degree requirements provide for an upper division major built upon an associate degree in fire protection science or a professional-technical core fire science curriculum available from most Oregon community colleges. Professional upper division courses in the program are offered on WOU’s campus and in Portland at specific times. All EOU Upper Division FSA classes are offered online at least once per year. Please contact the College of Business at EOU.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BA OR BS IN FIRE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

1. All students, including those with an Associate Degree in Fire Science / Fire Protection, must complete the lower division fire technology core curriculum or equivalents:

- Introduction to Fire Protection** (3 credits)
- Major Emergency Tactics and Strategy** (3 credits)
- Fundamentals of Fire Prevention** (3 credits)
- Building Construction for Fire Suppression** (3 credits)
- Fire Department Leadership** (3 credits)
- Fire Protection Systems & Extinguishers** (3 credits)
- Fire Codes and Ordinances** (3 credits)
- Firefighters Law** (1-3 credits)
- Fire Department Budgets** (1-3 credits)
- Public Relations** (1-3 credits)

Admission to the upper division professional core is limited to persons who have completed required lower division fire science coursework at the community college level. EOU’s Fire Services Administration program strongly encourages substantial firefighting experience and Firefighter II designation.

The FSA program director determines all lower division course equivalencies. Waivers are almost never granted. EOU Prior Learning credit is determined by a faculty member

from either Portland Community College or Chemeketa Community College.

2. Upper division Professional Core “Institute” Courses (24 hrs)

a) Complete the following required courses with a grade of “C-” or better.

- FSA 307** Emergency Services Delivery (3)
- FSA 309** Inspection and Investigation (3)
- FSA 311** Principles of Fire Protection Management (3)
- FSA 313** Fire Personnel Management (3)
- FSA 315** Organization for Fire Protection (3)
- FSA 317** Fiscal Management for Fire Protection (3)
- FSA 319** Legal Aspects of Fire Protection (3)

b) Advanced Institute Capstone (3)
(Choose one from one of seven 400+ level Advanced Institutes, which are available both onsite and online)

3. Upper division elective coursework in Business, Social Science, and Communications (27 credits)

4. Complete institutional graduation requirements including:

a) Students must successfully complete the institutional math requirement with a grade of “C-” or better.

b) Students must meet the University Writing Requirement for the FSA Major.

c) For the Bachelor of Arts degree, the student must demonstrate foreign language proficiency.

(Note: See additional institutional graduation requirements in this catalog or on the FSA Degree Program checklist.)

5. Grade point average: Minimum of 2.00 GPA in the major and a minimum of 2.00 in all college work.

FIRE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FSA 307 - Emerg Serv Del Fire EMS Credits: 3.00

Explores multi-agency planning, deployment and operations as they relate to multi-alarm incidents, target hazards and major disasters. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

FSA 309 - Fire Inspect/Investig Credits: 3.00

Offers a comprehensive look at prevention, inspection,

investigation, and enforcement issues from a senior officer perspective. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

FSA 311 - Fire Protect Mgt Credits: 3.00

An investigation of management and supervisory responsibilities including motivation, discipline, human relations, training, communications, followership, planning, leadership, management-employee relations. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

FSA 313 - Personnel Mgmt Credits: 3.00

To develop a perspective on specific personnel functions including manpower planning and development, job description and analysis, employment recruitment, selection and placement, promotions, transfers, separations, wage and salary administration, labor-management negotiations and contracts. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

FSA 315 - Organization Credits: 3.00

To develop an understanding of fire department organization including fire defenses and insurance ratings, organization for fire suppression and prevention, the fire department and the municipality, inter-municipality fire services. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

FSA 317 - Fiscal Mgmt Credits: 3.00

The budget process, taxation and assessment, operations planning, financial aid and grant programs, allotment of resources, analysis of expenditures and productivity; management information systems. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

FSA 319 - Legal Aspects Credits: 3.00

Federal and state laws, codes and ordinances, legal responsibilities of fire service agencies, liabilities, and civil law, enforcement procedures and police powers. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

FSA 336 – Managerial Issues in Hazardous Materials: Credits: 3.00

This course examines regulatory issues, hazard analysis, multiagency contingency planning, response personnel, multiagency response resources, agency policies, procedures and implementation, public education and emergency information systems, health and safety, command post dynamics, strategic and tactical considerations, recovery and termination procedures, and program evaluation. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

FSA 407 - FSA 407 Credits: 1.00 TO 15.00

Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.

FSA 411 – Management Information Systems Credits: 3.00

This course examines how information technologies affect every aspect of our economy and society, and are transforming work within and across public organizations. This course introduces information technologies that are critical to

modern fire service organizations, discusses technology and adoption trends, and explores the evolving role of IT in the public sector. The course covers information technologies relevant to fire service operations, decision making, and e-business. Students taking this class will understand the role of information technologies in managerial decision making and daily activities, the place for such technologies, and their public sector applications, environmental constraints, and relevance to strategy and planning. Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.

FSA 415 – Local Government Administration and Community Politics Credits: 3.00

This course provides students with a basic understanding of the structure and function of local government in the United States by examining the legal, political, social and economic factors influencing local policies and relationships with communities of interest. The role of citizens, firms, states, and federal authorities in shaping the public agenda are critically examined to gain an understanding of decision making processes. Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.

FSA 417 - Adv Fiscal Management Credits: 3.00

This course examines laws relating to public agency budgeting; formulating a mission statement, goals and objectives; analyzing productivity; preparing a budget; the hearing process; and quarterly allotments. Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.

FSA 419 - Adv Legal Aspects Fire Prot Credits: 3.00

Overview of the U.S. Constitution and its relation to state laws; the nature of torts against fire services agencies and individuals; a fire department's responsibilities based upon state laws; court cases which have impacted department operations and their effects upon such operations; fire department compliance with hazardous materials right-to-know legislation; and identification of five current legal issues which could impact fire department operations (such as sexual discrimination and privacy issues). Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.

FSA 421 - Adv Fire Serv Mstr Plan Credits: 3.00

This course covers the processes and steps used to develop a cost effective delivery system of public services. This delivery system is designed to provide the level of service/protection that a community desires and is based upon acceptable risks and costs. Prerequisite: Must be professional firefighters, fire related emergency services professionals, or have the major of FSA. Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.

FSA 423 - Labor Mgmt Relations Credits: 3.00

A labor relations course that will introduce the student to the complex world of collective bargaining. It will review the history of the labor movement in the United States and give diligent consideration to the National Labor Relations Act. Additionally, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Railway Labor Act and Public Sector Labor cases will be studied. Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.

FSA 445 – Organizational Psychology Credits: 3.00

This course will focus on how fire safety organizations function, based on the psychology of individuals within that organization, and how those individuals interact within groups. Students will be involved in applying the behavioral

and social science principles studied to their real life situations as fire professionals. Topics including human motivation, leadership, conflict resolution and organizational structure will be covered. Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.