

Certificate

FIRE SCIENCE

The Fire Science certificate is designed for individuals who are employed in the field of Fire and Rescue or are interested in pursuing training in this field. A combination of Fire Science Exemption Credit (FSC) and general education prepares graduates for advanced career opportunities and professional development. The general education core is intended to provide students with skills in the following areas: oral and written communication, interpersonal relationships, leadership, and management. Most courses are offered via distance learning to accommodate students employed on shift work. Courses in this certificate program also apply to the Associate in Applied Science, Public Service Administration emphasis.

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CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

First Semester - Fall

COL 105	Freshman Seminar	3
ENG 155	Communications I*	3
PSY 103	Human Relations*	3
BUS 101	Introduction to Business	3
	TOTAL	12

Second Semester - Spring

ENG 160	Technical Communications*	3
MGT 101	Introduction to Management	3
PSC 201	American Government	3
Electives***	6	
	TOTAL	15
FSC	Fire Science Exemption Credit**	9
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	36

*Students continuing toward a bachelors degree: ENG 101, ENG 102, and SPC 205 are recommended in place of ENG 155 and ENG 160, and PSY 201 in place of PSY 103. Consult your academic advisor.

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***Students should consult their advisor for selection of electives.