

Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Services Program Goals

The School of Construction Management offers an accessible Bachelor of Science program for members of the fire and emergency services. This degree program is designed to build on students' experience in the fire service and to add the academic substance to prepare students to lead public or private sector fire and emergency service units.

The program specializations offer the student the ability to focus their degree in three different aspects of the emergency services industry. The program prepares the graduates for advancement in the ranks for the fire service, EMS and emergency management. In addition, graduates can find jobs at the local, state and national level of government, insurance companies, industry, and other areas. Students may apply to the university at the junior year after earning the Associate of Arts degree from a Florida state college or other regionally accredited academic institution. Freshman and sophomore coursework will be taken at a Florida state or public college or other regionally accredited academic institution.

After being accepted, students can pursue a Bachelor of Science without moving to Gainesville. Coursework for the junior and senior years will be offered via electronic distance learning, and UF faculty will teach and advise students in the program.

Students need access to a personal computer capable of connecting to the Internet.

Before Graduating Students Must:

- Demonstrate ability in management, labor issues and operations.
- Demonstrate ability in services related to medical, disaster and human resources.
- Demonstrate ability in public relations, ethical practices and leadership.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

Students In The Major Will Learn To:

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1. Identify and evaluate organizational problems associated with fire and emergency services.
2. Identify and demonstrate proper knowledge and use of comprehensive emergency management/command and control skills in major catastrophic incidents in fire and emergency services.
3. Illustrate knowledge and legal application of safety, health and environmental regulations at state and federal levels.

Critical Thinking

4. Demonstrate effective leadership behavior and skills in fire and emergency services.
5. Properly address issues of management, code regulations and the labor market in fire and emergency services.

Communication

6. Demonstrate strong verbal and written communication skills for leadership in fire and emergency services.