



Fact Sheet

Bachelor of Science Degree/ Fire Protection Services

Fire Administration Option

About Western Illinois University

Established in 1899, Western Illinois Normal and Training School opened its doors Sept. 23, 1902 to 229 students. Throughout the years, Western Illinois grew and its name changed from Western Illinois State College to Western Illinois University on July 5, 1957. Today, Western Illinois University offers a variety of bachelor's and master's degree programs, and certificate programs to more than 12,200 students. WIU is recognized as a top tier university. The Princeton Review: Western ranked a "Best Midwestern College". U.S. News & World Report: WIU recognized as a top tier "Best Regional University". Military Times EDGE Magazine: WIU named "Best for College" . Forbes: Western listed among the best of 650 institutions in the country

Program Overview

The program has been developed specifically for firefighters seeking career advancement. In order to best meet the needs of working firefighters the program is delivered entirely online. The Fire Administration curriculum places focus on the knowledge and skills needed to successfully manage and lead a modern fire department. The FESHE Curriculum allows firefighters to earn a degree or pursue professional development opportunities. The program provides access to higher education for all fire service personnel and allows them to earn a bachelor's degree from an accredited university without losing time on the job.

Graduation requirement: Earn a minimum of 120 semester hours of credit. At least 60 of those hours must be from a four-year college or university; at least 42 must be earned in upper division courses (numbered 300 and above, or their equivalent) from a four-year institution. At least 30 semester hours must be earned from Western Illinois University. A GPA of 2.0 overall and 2.25 within Fire courses must be maintained.

Note: Bachelor s in Fire Protection Services is a Comprehensive Major; no minor is required.

University General Education Requirements Candidates for a baccalaureate degree at Western Illinois University are required to complete the 43 semester hours General Education Curriculum approved by the University faculty.

General Education Categories:

- I. Communication Skills.....9 s.h.
- II. Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....10 s.h.
- III. Social Sciences.....9 s.h.
- IV. Humanities and Fine Arts.....9 s.h.
- V. Multicultural Studies.....3 s.h.
- VI. Human Well-Being.....3 s.h.



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Curriculum –Fire Administration

	Requirements: Fire Administration Option	Sem. Hrs.
1. University General Ed.:	University general education requirements	43
2. Core Courses:	FS 210 Introduction to Fire Protection (3). FS 211 Fire Suppression Tactics (3).* FS 212 Fire Prevention Concepts (3).* FS 301 Firefighter Safety & Survival (3).* FS 345 Fire Service Ethics & Diversity (3).* FS 485 Political /Legal Foundations (3). +	18
3. Option Courses:	FS 481 Fire & Emergency Administration (3). FS 482 Analytic Approaches To Fire Protection (3). FS 483 Personnel Management for Fire Services (3). SOC 488 The Community & Fire Threat (3). EM 477 Disaster & Fire Defense Planning (3). EM 478 Management Issues in hazardous Materials (3). SOC 487 Application Of Fire Research (3). PSY 481 Fire Related Human Behavior (3).	24
4. Directed Electives:	Choose 6 S.H. from courses below HRM 353 Human Resource Management (3). HRM 443 Collective Bargaining (3). POLS 300 Introduction To Public Administration (3). POLS 302 Introduction To Public Policy (3). FS 486 Incendiary Fire Analysis (3). FS 484 Fire Prevention Organization & Management (3). ET 443 Fire Protection System Design (3). ET 444 Fire Dynamics (3). LEJA 331 Terrorism & Criminal Justice (3). HS 400 Grant Writing (3). EM 461 Business Industry & Emergency Management. (3).	6
5. Open Electives:	Courses are at student Discretion. An optional minor may be added if desired.	29
6. Other:		0
A. Total Proposed Hours (add rows 1 through 5)		120



Model Curriculum *(Assumes no Transfer Hours)*

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<p>First Semester (Fall)</p> <p>Social Sciences 3 hours Humanities 3 hours Lab Sciences 4 hours Multicultural Studies 3 hours ENG 180 3 hours</p>	<p>Second Semester (Spring)</p> <p>Social Sciences 3 hours Humanities 3 hours Human Well Being 2 hours FS 210 3 hours Natural Science/Math 3 hours</p>
<p>Third Semester (Fall)</p> <p>Natural Science 3 hours Human Well Being 1 hour Eng 280 3 hours FS 301 3 hours Math for Gen Ed 3 hours Elective/Minor * 3 hours</p>	<p>Fourth Semester (Spring)</p> <p>Humanities 3 hours FS 211 3 hours FS 212 3 hours Elective/Minor 3 hours Social Science 3 hours</p>
<p>Fifth Semester (Fall)</p> <p>FS 345 3 hours FS 481 3 hours Elective 3 hours EM 477 3 hours Elective/Minor * 3 hours</p>	<p>Sixth Semester (Spring)</p> <p>Comm 241 3 hours FS 482 3 hours Elective/Minor * 3 hours Directed Elective 3 hours EM 478 3 hours</p>
<p>Seventh Semester (Fall)</p> <p>FS 485 3 hours Elective/Minor * 3 hours FS 483 3 hours Soc 487 3 hours Elective 3 hours</p>	<p>Eighth Semester (Spring)</p> <p>Soc 488 3 hours Psy 481 3 hours Elective/Minor * 3 hours Directed Elective 3 hours Elective 2 hours</p>

For Further Information

For general information about courses contact the Fire Program: LEJA@wiu.edu - 309•298•1038

For enrollment information contact our student advisors: SE-Dorsett@wiu.edu - (309) 298-1438

For admissions information contact: www.wiu.edu/admissions/ - (309) 298-3157



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