

Course Syllabus

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester. Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

Department : Emergency Services
Course Title : Firefighter Certification 5
Section Name : FIRS 1323 WB
Start Date : 8/20/2012
End Date : 12/14/2012
Modality : HYBRID
Credits :

Instructor Information

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Course Description

One in a series of courses in basic preparation for a new firefighter. Should be taken in conjunction with Firefighter Certification I, II, III, IV, VI, and VII to satisfy the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) curriculum for Basic Structural Fire Suppression, Course #100. ***THIS COURSE MAY BE OFFERED ONLY BY INSTITUTIONS LICENSED AS A FIRE ACADEMY BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION***

Prerequisites/Co requisites

Prerequisite: Successful completion of FIRS 1319.

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(ICOS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Course Objectives

The study of ropes and knots, rescue procedures and techniques, and a standard "operations" Hazardous Materials course. The students will identify, describe, and demonstrate proper rescue techniques to include search, removal, and packing of victims; describe and demonstrate life safety, harnesses, repelling, and vehicle extrication; describe and demonstrate various parts of the rope, various knots, and their uses; and identify definitions of hazardous materials and describe incident materials. Upon completion of NFPA Hazmat course, cadet will be at a state recognized "operations" level of certification.

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Required Readings/Materials

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a) You must purchase the following **required** readings/materials:

Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills, Second Edition

International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Fire Protection Association

ISBN 13: 978-0-7637-5342-9

ISBN 10: 0-7637-5342-4

Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills: Skills and Drills DVD Series

International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Fire Protection Association

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Detailed course requirements, objectives and curriculum are located at www.tcfp.state.tx.us in the curriculum manual under the Standards Manuals and Forms Section

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| Week 1 | Chapters 1, 2, & 3 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 2 | Chapters 4 & 5 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 3 | Chapters 6 & 7 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 4 | Chapters 8, 9, & 10 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 5 | Chapters 11 & 12 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 6 | Chapters 13 & 14 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |

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| Week 7 | Chapters 15, 16, & 17 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 8 | Chapters 18, 19, & 20 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 8 | Mid-Term Test Ch. 1-20 | Test online |
| Week 9 | Chapters 21 & 22 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday (Live Fire) |
| Week 10 | Chapters 23 & 24 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday (Live Fire) |
| Week 11 | Chapters 25 & 26 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 12 | Chapters 27, 28, & 29 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 13 | Chapters 30, 31, & 32 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 14 | Chapters 33 & 34 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 15 | Chapters 35 & 36 (Mon-Fri) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 16 | Chapter 37 (Mon-Tues) | Skills & Test on Saturday |
| Week 16 | Thanksgiving Break (Wed-Fri) | No Skills on Saturday |
| Week 17 | Final Test Ch. 21-37 | Test online |
| Week 17 | Make-up Skills Test | Saturday 8-5 |
| Week 18 | Final Comprehensive Test Ch. 1-37 | Test on campus in classroom at 7pm |
| Week 18 | State Exam Prep | Saturday 8-5 |
| Week 19 | State Written Test | TBA |

Grading Policy

Each week, I will provide grades or scores and comments on assignments within 6 days of when they were submitted. After I send feedback each week, I will post a notification in the **Main** forum.

Late assignments receive a 10% deduction for each day they are late if assignments are not posted by 11:59 p.m. central on the day they are due. Assignments more than 5 days late will not be accepted. Technological issues will not be considered as valid grounds for late assignment submission. In the event of a server outage, students should submit assignments to the instructor.

The Basic Firefighter Academy is divided into 7 sections: Firefighter Certification I, II, III, IV, VI, and VII. In order to successfully complete this course, the student must receive a minimum passing score of 70% on every assignment, chapter test, Fire Learn test, HazMat assignment, and skills session; as well as receive a minimum passing score of 80% on every weekly test, Mid-Term, Final, and Final Comprehensive tests. Although individual grades are updated weekly, the final grade for this course will be determined on the percentages listed below:

5% Discussion Board
5% Blackboard Chapter Tests
5% Handout Assignments
5% Fire Learn Chapter Tests
10% Weekly Chapter Tests
20% Skills Sessions
15% Mid-Term Test
15% Final Test
20% Final Comprehensive Test

Final grades will be determined according to the following point system:

A = 90%-100%
B = 80%-89%
C = 70%-79%
F = 0%-69%

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the [Learning Resources Center](#), provides research assistance via the [LRC's catalog \(print books, videos, e-books\)](#) and [databases \(journal and magazine articles\)](#). [Research guides](#) covering specific subject areas, [tutorials](#), and the "[Ask a Librarian](#)" service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](#), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. **All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.**

Student Portal

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Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or students and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](#).