

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE: FIRS 1319.271 Firefighter Certification IV (3:2:2)
SEMESTER/YEAR: Fall 2019
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1. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

- A. **Course Description:** (3:2:2) This course is one in a series of courses in basic preparation for a new firefighter. It should be taken in conjunction with Firefighter Certification I, II, III, V, VI, and VII to satisfy the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) curriculum for Basic Structural Fire Suppression, Course #100.
- B. **Course Goals/Objectives:** The student will demonstrate competencies, for subjects taught, set forth in the TCFP curriculum for Basic Fire Suppression.
- C. **Course Competencies:** Letter grades are assigned as follows:

Overall Percentage Earned	Letter Grade
90.00% to 100%	A
80.00% to 89.99%	B
70.00% to 79.99%	C
60.00% to 69.99%	D
59.99% or less	F

D. **Academic Integrity:** It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating: Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length as well as to final examinations, to daily reports, and to term papers.

Plagiarism: Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgement, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

E. **Scans and Foundation Skills:** The specific SCANS and Foundation Skills for this course include:

Foundation Skills (F): 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17

Competencies (C): 1,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20

F. **Verification of Workplace Competencies Technical Education Division:** The learning outcomes of this course will prepare the student to meet the Basic Structural Firefighter classification and prepare them to certify as a Basic Structural Firefighter with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection

II SPECIFIC COURSE/INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

A. **Textbook and Other Materials:**

- Required textbook for the course is:
 - *Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response, Fourth Edition*, published by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
 - Textbook ISBN 9781284182774
- Required other material:

- *Certification Curriculum Manual, Chapter One, Basic Fire Suppression*, published by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP). It is available for free online at:
 - https://www.tcfp.texas.gov/Services/GetPdf?filename=%2FManual%2FCurriculum%2Fcurriculum_2015_1030_chapter_1.pdf

B. Attendance Policy:

- Punctual and regular attendance is required of all students.
- A class is defined as a four-hour block of instruction.
 - Saturdays have eight hours of instruction scheduled. Therefore, each Saturday is the equivalent of two class days and all-day absences on Saturday count as two absences.
- Attendance is 15% of your overall semester grade
 - You begin the semester with 100.00% attendance score
 - Non-excused absence = 7.50% deduction
 - Late to class = 2.25% deduction
 - **Students who drop below 70.00% attendance score will be subject to expulsion from the SPC Basic Structural Firefighter Academy.**
- Students are responsible for all class work covered during any absence from class.
- Excused absences for scheduled military training, funerals, major medical emergencies, etc. may be allowed. Proof must be submitted (training orders, obituary, doctor's note, etc.) to be considered excused.

C. Assignment Policy:

- All required work must be completed and submitted on time or be subject to penalty points (5 penalty points for each day late.)
- Periodic TCFP quizzes will be administered approximately every 2 weeks and will cover approximately 50 hours of instruction.
- The SPC Basic Structural Firefighter Academy comprehensive fall semester final exam (academy midterm) will be administered at the end of the semester. All students are required to take the academy midterm. **A passing score of 70.00% must be achieved on the academy midterm to receive permission of the program coordinator to enroll in the spring semester of the SPC Basic Structural Firefighter Academy.** (TCFP Rule)

- D. **Grading Policy:** A weighted grade system will be utilized to determine the final grade for each student. Grades will be determined by dividing the total points earned by the total points possible in each area (quizzes, attendance, and the final) and multiplying those results by the respective grade weights:

Area	Percentage of Semester Grade
Module Quizzes	= 10% of Semester Grade
eBook Quizzes	= 10% of Semester Grade
TCFP Quizzes	= 50% of Semester Grade
Midterm	= 15% of Semester Grade
Attendance	= 15% of Semester Grade

Up to 7.5% extra credit is available through both completion of workbook chapters (5% possible) and via voluntary community service (2.5% possible; 0.5% earned per 4 hours worked at specific events). See instructor for further details if you are interested.

The following guide for points-to-grade will be utilized to determine the final assessment:

Overall Percentage Earned	Letter Grade
90.00% to 100%	A
80.00% to 89.99%	B
70.00% to 79.99%	C
60.00% to 69.99%	D
59.99% or less	F

- The fall semester of the SPC Basic Structural Firefighter Academy is made up of four classes. The semester grade you earn is applied to all four classes.
 - If you finish the semester with an “A”, you will receive an “A” in all four fall semester Fire Academy (FIRS) classes.
 - If you finish the semester with a “B”, you will receive an “B” in all four fall semester Fire Academy (FIRS) classes.
 - If you finish the semester with a “C”, you will receive a “C” in all four fall semester Fire Academy (FIRS) classes.
 - **If you finish the semester with a “D” or “F”, you will receive that grade in all four fall semester Fire Academy (FIRS) classes and be ineligible to enroll in the spring semester of the SPC Basic Structural Firefighter Academy.**

- **Regardless of your “Semester Grade”, a passing score of 70.00% must be achieved on the academy midterm to receive permission of the program coordinator to enroll in the spring semester of the SPC Basic Structural Firefighter Academy.**
 - For example, if you have a 100% average, perfect attendance, complete all the available extra-credit, and score a 69.99% on the midterm, you WILL NOT RECEIVE PERMISSION TO ENROLL IN THE SPRING SEMSTER (TCFP rule).

CAMPUS GUIDELINES

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

TITLE IX PREGNANCY ACCOMODATIONS STATEMENT

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations, you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness at (806) 716-2362 or email cstraface@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

GENERAL SAFETY ON CAMPUS

South Plains College recognizes the importance of safety on campus. The protection of persons and property is a responsibility which we all share. Personal safety begins with the individual. The following guidelines are intended to assist you in protecting yourself and to encourage practices that contribute to a safe environment for our campus community.

- Never leave your personal property unsecured or unattended.
- Look around and be aware of your surroundings when you enter and exit a building.
- Whenever possible, avoid walking alone, particularly after dark. Walk to your vehicle with other class members or request that the Security Guard/Campus Police walk you to your car.
- When approaching your vehicle, keep your keys in your hand; look under your car and in the back seat and floorboard. Lock the doors as soon as you are inside your car.

FOOD AND DRINK IN CLASSROOMS

It is the policy of South Plains College not to permit food or drink in the classrooms or laboratories.

Ask your instructor if food and drink is permitted in the Fire Academy Classroom.

TOBACCO USE POLICY

South Plains College prohibits the use of any tobacco product, electronic cigarette, or vapor device throughout all indoor areas and within a 25-foot perimeter around all facility entrances, exits and HVAC air intake vents under the control of SPC, including sporting facilities and SPC vehicles. Included in this ban are tobacco products of all types (including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner to be suitable for spit tobacco use, smoking, or both). This ban also includes herbal tobacco products and simulated tobacco products that

imitate or mimic tobacco products such as e-cigarettes, vapor cigarettes, pipes, or other types of inhalation devices.

Noncompliance by a student shall be handled by the Dean of Students, Dean of the Reese Center, or the Director of the Plainview Center in accordance with procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct in the Student Guide.

In case of emergency at any campus, call 911