

# **Western Illinois University Fire Protection Studies Program**



## **Student Handbook**

## Program Mission:

The WIU Fire Protection Studies Program is dedicated to preparing its students to meet the difficult challenges facing firefighters and Fire Service administrators in the delivery of fire protection. In support of this mission, the Fire Protection Studies Program is founded on three strategic objectives:

1. To deliver an academically rigorous and relevant curriculum.
2. To prepare future firefighters for successful careers in the fire service.
3. To prepare current firefighters for senior leadership positions.

## Program Overview:

The WIU Fire Protection Studies Program features a comprehensive major with two separate and unique study options. The Fire Administration program is delivered online, and designed for working firefighters seeking promotion to senior leadership positions. The Fire Science Option, with classes delivered on-campus in a traditional setting, is ideally suited for students preparing for a career in the fire service. A fire minor program is associated with each of these two options.

The program delivers a Bachelor of Science in Fire Protection Services. It is a comprehensive major requiring 120 semester hours of study, including 43 hours of general education credits. Of those 120 semester hours, 60 must be from a four-year college or university; and at least 42 must be earned in upper division courses. A minimum of 30 hours must be taken from WIU. The Fire Science option requires 50 hours in the discipline, while the Fire Administration option requires 48 hours in the discipline. As a *Comprehensive* major, the Fire Protection Studies Program has no requirement for a declared minor.

## Intended Outcomes:

**The Fire Administration** option is designed to support firefighters aspiring to leadership positions. The curriculum is focused on developing competencies in personnel management, leadership, organization development, legal foundations, fiscal management, and research. Successful completion of study will prepare the graduate for the following career paths:

- ◆ Fire Service Administration
- ◆ Fire Related Education
- ◆ Public / Private Safety Program Management
- ◆ Graduate Study

**The Fire Science** option will impart to the student the knowledge and experiences necessary to successfully compete for a career in the fire service and excel in their professional goals. Career paths include:

- ◆ Firefighter
- ◆ Fire Medic
- ◆ EMT
- ◆ Public Safety officer
- ◆ Industrial Safety Officer
- ◆ Fire Inspector
- ◆ Fire Safety Educator
- ◆ Graduate Study

## The Program At A Glance:

### Bachelor of Science Fire Protection Services

#### Fire Science Option

- ◆ Designed for gaining entry level employment in the fire service and related fields
- ◆ All classes are delivered on campus
- ◆ Assumes little or no practical experience
- ◆ Features a mandatory internship

#### Fire Administration Option

- ◆ Designed for firefighters preparing for career advancement
- ◆ All classes are delivered online
- ◆ Assumes student has fire service experience, and access to fire department resources.

### Minors In Fire Protection Services

#### Fire Science Minor

- ◆ Designed for gaining entry level employment in related emergency fields
- ◆ All classes are delivered on campus
- ◆ Assumes little or no practical experience

#### Fire Administration Minor

- ◆ Typically utilized by firefighters in the BGS Program
- ◆ All classes are delivered online
- ◆ Assumes student has fire service experience, & access to resources.

## Program Curriculum: Fire Science Option

I. General Education Courses ( see undergraduate catalog for requirements) 43 Hours

### II. Core courses: Required courses for either program option

- ◆ FS 210 Intro to Fire Protection 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 211 Fire Suppression Tactics 3 S.H. 15 Hours
- ◆ FS 212 Fire Prevention Concepts 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 345 Fire Service Ethics & Diversity 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 485 Political /Legal Foundations 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 499 Comprehensive Senior Exam 0 S.H.

### III. Option Courses: Required for Fire Science option

- ◆ LEJA 231 Survey of Homeland Security 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 301 Firefighter Safety & Survival 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 302 Fire Department Hazardous Materials Operations 3 S.H. 30 Hours
- ◆ FS 444 Fire Dynamics 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 486 Incendiary Fire Analysis 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 487 Fire Codes & Standards 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 490 Practical Internship 9 S.H.
- ◆ FS 491 Fire Internship Summary 3 S.H.

### IV. Open Electives: ( Directed Electives, must complete at least 8 hours)

- ◆ FS 101 Basic Elements of Firefighting (A) 3 S.H (strongly recommended)
- ◆ FS 102 Basic Elements of Firefighting (B) 3 S.H (strongly recommended) 8 hours
- ◆ FS 103 Basic Elements of Firefighting (C) 3 S.H (strongly recommended)
- ◆ EM 351 EMT I [a] 4 S.H. (strongly recommended)
- ◆ EM 352 EMT I [b] 4 S.H. (strongly recommended)
- ◆ KIN 308: Scuba Diving Specialties 3 S.H
- ◆ KIN 408: Divemaster 2 S.H.

V. Other Courses: Open hours at student discretion 24 hours

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**Total:** 120 hours

**Note:** Although not required courses, new students are strongly urged to take FS 101, FS 102 & FS 103 if they do not have their basic firefighter skills certification, or do not possess extensive experience in the fire service. These courses teach foundational information and skills needed to fully succeed in later classes and eventually a fire service career.

Likewise an EMT license is a fundamental element in a successful job search after graduation. Many fire departments require EMT as a condition of employment, all of them consider it highly preferential. For this reason EM 351 & EM 352 are strongly urged for any student who has not yet attained EMT certification.

## Program Curriculum: Fire Science Option

### Model 4-Year Degree Plan - Fire Science Option

<b>First Semester (Fall)</b> Social Sciences 3 hours Humanities 3 hours Lab Sciences 4 hours FS 101 * or Elective 3 hours ENG 180 3 hours	<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b> Social Sciences 3 hours Humanities 3 hours FS 102 * or Elective 3 hours FS 103 * or Elective 3 hours Natural Science/Math 3 hours
<b>Third Semester (Fall)</b> Natural Science 3 hours Human Well Being 1 hour Eng 280 3 hours FS 210 3 hours Math for Gen Ed 3 hours Multicultural Studies 3 hours	<b>Fourth Semester (Spring)</b> Humanities 3 hours FS 211 3 hours Comm 241 3 hours Elective 3 hours Social Science 3 hours
<b>Fifth Semester (Fall)</b> FS 212 3 hours LEJA 231 3 hours FS 301 3 hours EM 351 4 hours FS 302 3 hours	<b>Sixth Semester (Spring)</b> Elective 3 hours FS 444 3 hours FS 345 3 hours FS 487 3 hours EM 352 4 hours
<b>Seventh Semester (Fall)</b> FS 485 3 hours FS 486 3 hours Elective 3 hours Elective 3 hours Human Well Being 2 hours	<b>Eighth Semester (Spring)</b> FS 490 (Internship) 9 hours FS 491 (Internship report) 3 hours FS 499 (SNR EXAM) 0 hours 120 Credit hours total

\* Classes not required but strongly recommended

#### The Internship:

The Western Illinois University's fire science internship program offers students unique opportunities to experience and observe their chosen field first hand. Throughout the fire internship, students are given opportunities to observe and participate in field experiences.

The internship is required for all students. Exceptions can be made for those students who can demonstrate employment with a career department. The internship is typically one semester long, requiring at least 150 contact hours. It may be completed at any career fire department or related agency approved by the Program Internship Coordinator (PIC). The PIC will assess completion of the internship according to school policy. Prerequisites are enforced which determine internship eligibility. Review these within the Internship Handbook.

Note: Students are responsible for living expenses while performing their internship, they are urged to prepare for these costs well in advance of their internship. Students are further urged to consult with the PIC at least 2 semesters before intended internship.

Further information, and required forms are available in the Internship Handbook, and on the program web site at: [www.wiu.edu/fire](http://www.wiu.edu/fire)

## **Program Curriculum: Fire Science Option**

### **Ancillary Learning Opportunities**

The W. I U. fire program is committed to the provision of university level education in support of the fire service. We recognize however, that students preparing for a career in the fire service must have a solid understanding of the routines and practices associated with basic fire skills. This understanding is essential toward comprehension of the more advanced material presented in our curriculum. In order to provide experience in fire skills, hazardous materials, and tool usage the fire program offers numerous ancillary learning opportunities offered in cooperation with partnering agencies. **Fire science students preparing for a career in the fire service are strongly urged to take advantage of these special learning opportunities.**

#### **The Macomb Fire Department**

The Macomb Fire Department is a valuable ongoing resource to our students. Throughout the year they offer numerous educational opportunities. Most importantly, they offer our students an opportunity to work with, and train alongside their firefighters as associate members.

#### **The Quincy Fire Department**

The Quincy Fire Department offers several programs each year for professional development through training. These events include:

- The Gateway program– a weeklong residential fire academy hosted each June, at the training facility in Quincy Illinois.
- Fire college– a two-day classroom and practical skills symposium offered every March.
- Weekend sessions– hosted one to two times per semester, these 3 to 6 hour events are offered on evenings and weekends. Topics include: live fire training, vehicle extrication, rappelling, and various other related topics.

#### **Hosted Sessions**

From time to time the W..I.U. fire program will sponsor special events in cooperation with outside subject matter agencies. Past events have included sessions with the Illinois Fire Service Training Institute, the National Fire Academy and Burlington Northern Railroad.

#### **Omega Gamma Phi**

Omega Gamma Phi is a professional fraternity open to all fire majors and minors, [including women]. Its core mission is to provide experiential learning opportunities to its members. They host regular training sessions in core firefighter skills. Additionally, they organize travel to fire related conferences and other education opportunities. Go to [www.ogalpha.org/](http://www.ogalpha.org/) for more information.

#### **Western EMS**

Western EMS is a student staffed, emergency medical non- transport response unit serving the W. I U. Macomb campus. Participation offers our students invaluable experience in emergency response and leadership. More information is available at [www.wiu.edu/vpas/public\\_safety/wems/](http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/public_safety/wems/)

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- ◆ FS 485 Political /Legal Foundations +3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 499 Comprehensive Senior Exam 0 S.H.

### III. Option Courses: Required for Fire Science option

- ◆ FS 300 Administration of Firefighter Safety Programs 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 444 Fire Dynamics 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 481 Fire & Emergency Admin (3) 33 Hours
- ◆ FS 482 Analytic Approaches to Public Fire Protection 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 483 Personnel Mang. for Fire and Emergency Svcs. 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 484 Fire Prevention Org & Mang. 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 488 Fire-Related Human Behavior 3 S.H.
- ◆ EM 477 Disaster & Fire Defense Planning 3 S.H.
- ◆ EM 478 Management Issues in Haz Mat 3 S.H.
- ◆ SOC 487 Application of Fire Research 3 S.H.
- ◆ SOC 488 Community & Fire Threat 3 S.H.

### IV. Open Electives: ( Directed Electives, must complete at least 6 hours)

- ◆ EM 461 Business & Industry Emg. Mang. 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 443 Fire Protection Structure and System Design 3 S.H. 6 Hours
- ◆ FS 484 Fire Prevention Org & Mang. 3 S.H.
- ◆ FS 486 Fire Investigation and Analysis 3 S.H.
- ◆ HRM 353 Human Resource Management 3 S.H.
- ◆ HRM 443 Collective Bargaining 3 S.H.
- ◆ HS 400 Grant Writing 3 S.H.
- ◆ LEJA 231 Homeland Security Entities 3 S.H.
- ◆ POLS 300 Intro to Public Administration 3 S.H.
- ◆ POLS 302 Intro to Public Policy 3 S.H.

V. Other Courses: Open hours at student discretion

23 hours

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**Total:**

120 hours

# Program Curriculum: Fire Administration Option

## Model 4-Year Degree Plan—Fire Administration Option

<p><b>First Semester (Fall)</b></p> <p>Social Sciences 3 hours            Humanities 3 hours            Lab Sciences 4 hours            Multicultural Studies 3 hours            ENG 180 3 hours</p>	<p><b>Second Semester (Spring)</b></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><b>Third Semester (Fall)</b></p> <p>Natural Science 3 hours            Human Well Being 1 hour            Eng 280 3 hours            Social Science 3 hours            Math for Gen Ed 3 hours            Elective/Minor * 3 hours</p>	<p><b>Fourth Semester (Spring)</b></p> <p>Humanities 3 hours            Comm 241 3 hours            FS 212 3 hours            FS345 3 hours            FS 300 3 hours</p>
<p><b>Fifth Semester (Fall)</b></p> <p>FS 484 3 hours            FS 482 3 hours            Fs 481 3 hours            EM 477 3 hours            Elective/Minor * 3 hours</p>	<p><b>Sixth Semester (Spring)</b></p> <p>FS 212 3 hours            Fs 345 3 hours            FS 483 3 hours            FS 485 3 hours            EM 478 3 hours</p>
<p><b>Seventh Semester (Fall)</b></p> <p>Directed Elective 3 hours            Elective/Minor * 3 hours            FS 488 3 hours            Soc 487 3 hours            Directed Elective 3 hours</p>	<p><b>Eighth Semester (Spring)</b></p> <p>Soc 488 3 hours            FS 488 3 hours            Elective/Minor * 3 hours            Directed Elective 3 hours            Elective 2 hours            FS 499 0 hours</p> <p>120 Credit hours total</p>



## General Information

### Program Requirements

To remain in good standing as a major in the fire program you must:

- Maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.0
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA in required classes within the major
- An internship is required for graduation in the Fire Science option. Prerequisites exist for internship entry, as well as compliance requirements. Go to the internship page at [www.wiu.edu/fire](http://www.wiu.edu/fire) for details

### Honors Curriculum

Academically qualified students in this School are encouraged to complete an honors curriculum in University Honors, Departmental Honors, or General Honors. All Honors students must complete the one-hour honors colloquium (G H 299). General Honors includes General Honors coursework. Departmental Honors includes honors work in the major. University Honors combines Departmental and General Honors. For more information about honors curricula see the Centennial Honors College page of the catalog or visit the Centennial Honors College website at [wiu.edu/Honors](http://wiu.edu/Honors)

### Employment Eligibility

The fire program does not screen students for eligibility, however students are warned that a felony arrest record will likely preclude employment in the fire service. Students with criminal records are urged to re-consider majoring in fire studies as a practical measure.

### Academic Integrity

Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty constitute a serious violation of University conduct regulations. Students who engage in dishonesty in any form shall be charged with academic dishonesty. Adverse action shall be imposed in accordance with university policy, go to the WIU Academic Integrity web site for further details: <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php>

### Code of Conduct

The fire program is designed to prepare future and current firefighters for success in a career involving great responsibility, high ethical standards and a long history of public service. In that tradition we ask that when participating in fire studies program classes and events you bear the following in mind:

- Your fire program instructors are current and former chief officers. Many of your fellow students are likewise accomplished in the field. Please treat your faculty and fellow students with the respect they deserve. Be polite, attentive and considerate.
- WIU is an institution which embraces human rights and diversity. Derogatory remarks based on gender, race, religion, physical attributes, sexual orientation and nationality will not be tolerated.
- Individual faculty have cell phone policies, however as a general rule refrain from cell phone use during classes.
- Individual faculty have various attendance policies, however class attendance and attention to course deadlines is generally expected.
- For your safety and that of your fellow students remain focused and attentive during any and all skills sessions. Avoid horseplay.
- Your behavior during internship MUST conform to the rules and regulations of your host department, failure to comply may result in your dismissal.

## General Information

### About FESHE

The fire program at Western Illinois University has attained recognition status from the Fire & Emergency Service Higher Education Network (FESHE). The recognition certificate is an acknowledgement that a collegiate emergency services degree program meets the minimum standards of excellence established by FESHE professional development committees and the National Fire Academy (NFA).

This has two student benefits: First, it validates our curriculum as relevant and current with industry standards. Second, it makes our students eligible for National Fire Academy certificates of completion. These establish an NFA transcript for your permanent records, and help you build a resume portfolio. Students are encouraged to apply for NFA certificates upon completion of all FESHE courses.

### Transferring Credit

Western Illinois University accepts transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions all over the country. How credits are transferred in are determined either by existing course articulation agreements or through department review. Generally fire courses documented via transcript from regionally accredited institutions are acknowledged. We do not accept courses from nationally accredited schools.

### About Training Credit:

A common question from new students pertains to the availability of college credit for certifications acquired through fire service training programs. Typically these programs will not receive college credit. The criteria for credit recognition is as follows... 1] Was the program hosted by a community college / if so did they issue credit.? These hours may be transferable. 2] Did the sponsoring agency attain ACE accreditation for the program? If so it may be eligible. 3] The WIU fire program will not offer fire credit for programs that are strictly skills based. For us to consider any program it must contain academic cognates, and have a comprehensive final test.

### The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP)

The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) gives candidates the opportunity to receive college credit for what they already know by earning qualifying scores on a standardized test. The fire program currently allows CLEP attempts to qualifying students for FS 210, FS 211 & FS 212.

Each student will need to complete an application for proficiency examination application (<http://www.wiu.edu/registrar/forms/Proficiency%20Application.pdf>) and send it to the Registrars' Office. The directions are on the form. For more information, or to schedule an examination, contact the Advising Staff at 309-298-1438

## Fire Course Offering by Semester

Effective as August 2017

EVERY FALL		EVERY SPRING	
FS 101	Walker	FS 102	Swanson
FS 210	Swanson	FS 103	Swanson
FS 210 on-line	Morgan	FS 210	Swanson
Fs 211	Swanson	FS 210 on-line	Henning
FS 212	Walker	FS 211	Morgan
FS 301	Walker	FS 211 on-line odd year or FS 212 online even year	Morgan
FS 302	Morgan	FS 300 on-line	Henning
FS 444on-line	Henning	FS 345 on-line	walker
FS 481 on-line	Henning	FS 345	Walker
FS 482 on-line	Walker	FS/ET 443 (Sprinklers ) online	Morgan
FS 484 on-line odd year or FS/PSY 488 on line even year	Bytner  Bytner	FS/EM 444 (fire dynamics)	Morgan
		FS 483 on-line	Bytner
FS 485	Morgan	FS 485 on-line	Bytner
FS 486	Swanson	FS 486	Swanson
FS 486 on-line	Swanson	FS 487	Walker
FS 490/491	Schwartz	FS 490/491	Schwartz
FS 499 (snr exam)	Staff	FS 499 (snr exam)	Staff
<b>OTHER</b>		<b>OTHER</b>	
EM 477	staff	EM 478	staff
		SOC 487	staff
		SOC 488	staff

FS 484 & FS 488 online alternated every other year

FS 211 & FS 212 online alternated every other year

## Student Resources

### The Fire Protection Studies Team



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## Student Resources

### Academic Advising

Our friendly and helpful advising staff are an essential part of our team, and critical to your success as a Fire Studies major. They can guide you through scheduling, and assist with course enrollment.

Remember you need ONE appointment per semester; other questions and concerns can be taken care of on a walk-in basis.

Advising is located in Horrabin Hall, room 91. Their phone number is 309-298-1438

### The Writing Center

The mission of the University Writing Center is to offer students at any academic level collaborative, one-on-one consultation on writing projects from any discipline at any point in the writing process. Their goal is to produce a writer who can engage in what we call “transfer-oriented thinking.” They can help you think critically about what you know about writing and how you are drawing upon that knowledge when you write.

To make an appointment, call 309-298-2815.

Visit them on the web at [http://www.wiu.edu/university\\_writing\\_center/](http://www.wiu.edu/university_writing_center/)

Off campus students can also utilize the Purdue Online Writing Lab at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

### Tutoring

Western Illinois University has multiple resources to help students better prepare for their classes. Resources range from formal group tutoring sessions to departmental assistance centers in the academic buildings to tutoring in the Malpass Library. There are also tutoring sessions offered in many of the residence halls. Most tutoring on campus is in a group format, whether it is a formal group session or a drop-in format. There are some departments that offer individualized services. If a course is not listed, check with Academic Services at (309) 298-1871.

Visit the University Tutoring Center at <http://www.wiu.edu/advising/tutoring/>

Need tutoring in your Fire Classes? Contact The Omega Gamma Phi Fire Fraternity. Their members offer fire program tutoring services.

## Student Resources

### Scholarships

In addition to the numerous general scholarships available to WIU students, the following scholarships are available specifically for fire majors.

#### *ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS FOUNDATION WILLIAM (BILL) P. MCCAMEY SCHOLARSHIP*

To be eligible for this scholarship student must be

- be a resident of the State of Illinois
- have completed a WIU fire education course the past semester with a passing grade
- be enrolled in a WIU fire education course the current semester
- be employed (volunteer, paid on call, or full time) at a fire department that is a member of the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts
- be in good standing with the University

For more information or to apply contact the LEJA office at 309-298-1038

#### *HOWARD S. WALKER FIRE PROTECTIVE SERVICE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP 883167*

CRITERIA:

- Undergraduate students enrolled fulltime and majoring in Fire Protection Services at WIU
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA
- Selection is to be based on a resume` review with preference given to students who:
  - \* Are members of Omega Gamma Phi
  - \* Have displayed initiative through participation in ancillary fire service training opportunities
  - \* Show community service initiative through volunteering
  - \* Are members of Western Emergency Management System
  - \* Currently rostered with a fire department

For more information or to apply contact the LEJA office at 309-298-1038

#### *THE BUTCH GUDAT FUND*

The Butch Gudat Fund is a charitable foundation for assisting Tri-County firefighters, their families and their communities. The fund provides at least one \$1500 academic scholarship to qualifying children and grandchildren of career and volunteer firefighters in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicant must be a child or grandchild of a central Illinois firefighter. Relatives of both career and volunteer firefighters in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties are eligible. Relatives of both current and retired firefighters are eligible.  
Applicant must plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States in the coming academic year.  
Applicant must plan to enroll as a full-time student (as defined by the college or university) in the coming academic year.  
Applicants can apply for a scholarship a maximum of four times.

To apply contact the foundation Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/butchgudatfund>

## Student Resources

### Scholarships

#### *ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP*

**Who is Eligible . . .** any person who is an active member of a recognized Fire Department in the State of Illinois

For more information & to apply go to :

<http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/ifc-foundation/scholarship-information>

#### *INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS SCHOLARSHIPS*

Each year the IAFC Foundation provides scholarships that make it possible for first responders to access advanced learning opportunities. They offer several scholarships under various programs.

For more information go to

<http://www.iafcf.org/Scholarship.htm>

#### *ATTENTION BGS STUDENTS WITH A MINOR IN FIRE ADMINISTRATION*

There are many scholarships available to students. These scholarships listed below are specifically administered by the BGS degree program, but there are many others available. Contact the Scholarship Office for information regarding other scholarships

For more information got to:

[http://www.wiu.edu/distance\\_learning/bachelor\\_of\\_arts\\_in\\_general\\_studies/scholarships/](http://www.wiu.edu/distance_learning/bachelor_of_arts_in_general_studies/scholarships/)

### Fire Program Information Resources

Keeping up with news and events related to your major is important to your academic success. Announcements regarding employment opportunities, scholarships, training and social events are

#### On the Board

- \* Our bulletin board is located on the third floor of stipes hall across the elevators

#### Email

- \* As a declared fire major or minor, you are placed on a mailing list. Check your WIU email often!

#### Web

- \* The Fire program homepage is located at [www.wiu.edu/fire](http://www.wiu.edu/fire)
- \* The Omega gamma Phi web site is at [www.ogpalpha.org](http://www.ogpalpha.org)
- \* The fire program Facebook page is at... <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1117126658318071/>

#### Facebook

- \* The Omega gamma Phi page is at : <https://www.facebook.com/Omega-Gamma-Phi-1504127019845958/>
  - \* The Fire program Alumni Page is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1215937761752457/>
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## Student Resources

### Omega Gamma Phi

An important resource for our students is the Omega Gamma Phi Fraternity. Omega Gamma Phi is the first and only Professional Fire Service Fraternity in the entire nation. All fire majors and minors are eligible for membership (including women). Their mission is to create the best candidates for the fire service industry through three core objectives:



- **To provide fire related training to its members not otherwise available within a university setting.** The fraternity routinely sponsors regular training sessions in basic firefighter skills such as; ventilation practices, ropes and knots, hose practices and self contained breathing apparatus exercises. The group has also organized member participation in special events such as Skills USA and national fire conferences.
- **The commitment of its members to leadership in public service.** The fraternity continues to support and participate in numerous charitable events. Further, they are committed to fire safety and prevention initiatives on campus and in the Macomb community.
- **To support its members through provision of fraternal bonds, social networking and recreational opportunities.** The fraternity harbors an inclusive and enjoyable culture which enriches its members' collegiate experience through social events, peer counseling, tutoring and an ever expanding social network.

Information about Omega Gamma Phi can be found on the web at: [www.ogpalpha.org/](http://www.ogpalpha.org/) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Omega-Gamma-Phi-1504127019845958/](https://www.facebook.com/Omega-Gamma-Phi-1504127019845958/)