



Alabama Fire College

Fire Instructor I

Syllabus

FSC 201

40 Clock Hours

Prerequisite(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Pro Board or IFSAC) Certified Fire Fighter I <u>OR</u> Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter • High School Diploma/GED <p>Alternative Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals not certified to the Fire Fighter I or Volunteer Firefighter I level completing equivalent coursework as approved by the Commission are eligible for alternative certification under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alabama state licensed Emergency Medical Technicians may be certified as EMS Instructor I. ○ Individuals able to demonstrate particular competence in the area of rescue operations may be certified as Rescue Instructor I.
Course Description	<p>This course is based on NFPA 1041: Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, and may lead to Pro Board and IFSAC certifications. The course is designed for individuals who want to develop the knowledge and ability to deliver instruction effectively from a prepared lesson plan, including instructional aids and evaluation instruments; adapt lesson plans to the unique requirements of the students and the authority having jurisdiction; organize the learning environment so that learning is maximized; and meet the record-keeping requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.</p>
Student Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemble course materials. • Prepare requests for resources. • Schedule single instructional sessions. • Complete training records and report forms. • Review instructional materials. • Adapt a prepared lesson plan. • Organize the classroom, laboratory, or outdoor learning environment. • Present prepared lessons. • Adjust presentation. • Adjust to differences in learning styles, abilities, cultures, and behaviors. • Operate audiovisual equipment and demonstration devices. • Utilize audiovisual materials. • Administer oral, written, and performance tests. • Grade student oral, written, or performance tests. • Report test results. • Provide evaluation feedback to students.
Required Textbook and Course Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>Fire Service Instructor Principles and Practice, Jones & Bartlett, 2nd Edition</i></u> • <u><i>Fire Instructor I Student Manual</i></u> (optional if using AFC Online) • AFC Online – If student manual <u>is not purchased</u> <p>Other required materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop with Microsoft Office with PowerPoint or equivalent • Appropriate attire for final presentation, such as the uniform used by student’s organization
Reading Prior to Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textbook material suggested
Daily Activities and	<p>This course will involve discussion, questions and answers on the materials, and case studies.</p>

Class Participation	Class participation is expected from all students.
Basis	Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, Administrative Code, Chapter 360-X-3-.01: Requirements for Certified Fire Service Instructor I
Certification Requirements	To be issued certification, the candidate will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide documentation of prerequisites. • complete required training hours including skills training. • successfully complete cognitive written exam. • successfully complete practical exam.
Grade Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Examination: Perform to a minimum 70% competency on the examination, calculated at 50% of the final score for the course. (One retest is allowed after 30 days but within one year of course end date.) • Practical Examination (if applicable): Successfully complete a skills/project evaluation to a minimum of 70% competency and successful completion of all critical points. Evaluators will test at least 25% of the skills for each level of skill sheets. Skill sheets will be randomly selected by AFC Certification Unit for this practical examination. The Practical Examination portion is calculated at 50% of the final score. (One retest is allowed after 30 days but within one year of course end date.) <p>Example: Written examination - 70/100 possible points 70 x 50% = 35 points awarded for written exam portion Practical/project - 40/100 possible points 40 x 50% = 20 points awarded for practical portion Total Points = 55 points (student awarded F, score not 70%>)</p>
Accreditation	Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission maintains accreditation with Pro Board and IFSAC. Each student will automatically receive national registration and certification upon successful completion of all requirements for certification.
Contact Information	<p>Link: Alabama Fire College Website 1-800-241-2467 Link: Alabama Fire College Bookstore Website 1-866-984-3545</p>
Academic Misconduct	Academic misconduct or dishonesty, such as cheating and plagiarism, is not permitted in class. Suspected cases of academic misconduct will be reported to the Executive Director. Conduct detrimental to the fire service, on or off campus, will not be tolerated. AFC will investigate any complaints. If a complaint is valid, the student will be dismissed, and his/her agency will be notified.
Attendance Policy	Attendance will be recorded at every class or lab meeting at the beginning of class and after long breaks for required hours. For a week-long certification course, students are required to attend all sessions to obtain certification. For VA students, it is especially important because they will receive benefits only for those days in attendance. Special Policy: Fire Fighter I/II: Students are expected to attend all classes. Failure to appear in class for a scheduled activity will be considered an absence unless prior permission is received from the instructor. For any absence to be excused and makeup work allowed, it must be accompanied by a written description of extenuating circumstances. No-Show: Students who have registered for a fee-waived or stipend course and fail to withdraw, according to Alabama Fire College withdrawal policy, will not be allowed to register for another fee-waived or stipend course for a period of one year. Department Delivery: In order to qualify for department delivery courses, students must be an Alabama resident or a member of an Alabama fire department.
Tardiness	Students must adhere to class schedules. Students are required to be punctual for all classes and class activities. Classes will begin promptly at the scheduled time unless specific instructions are given otherwise.

Safety	Safety of the students is the top priority for Alabama Fire College. Students must adhere to safety regulations while attending a class at the Fire College. Safety instructions are posted in every classroom, as well as escape routes and tornado actions.
Quality Enhancement Plan	An evaluation form will be provided for each student at the end of the course. Students may use this evaluation form as a means of communicating their opinion of the overall course, course content, instructor, and facilities.
Course Schedule	<p><i>Suggested Course Schedule</i></p> <p>Day One: Introductions; 3-minute speech; Chapters 1-3</p> <p>Day Two: 3-5 minute speech; Chapters 4-6</p> <p>Day Three: 3-5 minute speech; Chapters 7-9</p> <p>Day Four: Chapters 10, 12, 16; Skills</p> <p>Day Five: Final Presentation (graded by Evaluator); Review; Paperwork; Survey; Certification Examination</p> <p><i>The schedule is subject to change.</i></p>