FIRE 73 Course Outline as of Spring 1991

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: FIRE 73 Title: FIRE PREV TECH

Full Title: Fire Prevention Technology

Last Reviewed: 8/26/2024

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	17.5	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: FIRE 52

Catalog Description:

Provides fundamental information regarding the history and philosophy of fire prevention, organization and operation of a fire prevention bureau, use of fire codes, identification and correction of fire hazards, and the relationship of fire prevention with fire safety education and detection and suppression systems.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100.

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

Description: State Core Course. Organization & function of fire prevention. (Grade Only)

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100.

Limits on Enrollment: Transfer Credit: CSU; Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Spring 1989 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

COURSE GOALS: To encourage and enable the students to:

- 1. appreciate the purpose of fire prevention and the codes and laws that authorize its existence.
- 2. develop an understanding of how a fire prevention bureau functions.
- 3. develop an increased awareness of fire hazards and methods of correcting these hazards.
- 4. understand built-in fire protection features as they relate to fire prevention.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: At the end of the course the student will demonstrate the ability to:

- 1. describe the origin and history of fire prevention efforts in the United States.
- 2. list and identify the basic fire prevention functions of a fire department.
- 3. identify the responsibility and authority for fire prevention inspections and related activities.
- 4. explain and identify principles and procedures used to correct fire hazards.
- 5. identify occupancies and building construction types.
- 6. identify hazards of use, storage, and transfer of flammable liquids, gases, and other hazardous materials.
- 7. explain basic exiting requirements.
- 8. identify basic electrical fire hazards.
- 9. list operational deficiencies in sprinkler systems and special fixed fire protection systems.
- 10. list operational deficiencies of standpipe systems.
- 11. list operational deficiencies of detection and alarm systems.
- 12. identify principles of placement, operation, and inspection of portable fire extinguishers.

- 13. describe basic principles of fire cause determination as they relate to fire prevention and fire investigation.
- 14. identify the plan review function of a fire prevention bureau.
- 15. identify the relationship between fire safety education and fire prevention.
- 16. identify the importance of report preparation and records management in fire prevention efforts.

Topics and Scope:

- 1. History and development of fire prevention.
- 2. Fire prevention organizations.
- 3. Organization of a fire prevention bureau.
- 4. Building codes and fire prevention.
- 5. Fire codes and fire prevention.
- 6. Structural elements.
- 7. Inspections procedures.
- 8. Identification of hazards.
- 9. Abatement and mitigation of hazards.
- 10. Fire investigation.
- 11. Public fire safety education.
- 12. Plan review.
- 13. Report preparation and record keeping.

A MORE DETAILED OUTLINE AVAILABLE IN THE AJ DEPT.

Assignment:

The student will:

- 1. define the principal functions of a fire prevention bureau.
- 2. analyze the relationship between fire prevention efforts and the resulting reduction of life and property loss.
- 3. describe, in writing, the major types of fire hazards that could be found on a thorough commercial fire inspection.
- 4. describe, in writing, the basic hazard correction process used by the modern fire prevention bureau; given a simulated exercise the student will analyze and determine which codes would be used and how they would be applied.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written homework, Term papers

Writing 10 - 20%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Homework problems, Quizzes, Exams

Problem solving 5 - 10%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances

Skill Demonstrations 5 - 10%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, Completion

Exams 25 - 80%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category 0 - 0%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Recommended required text:

Diamantes, Fire Prevention, Delmar Thomson, 2nd edition, 2003.