

Frederick Community College – Associate Degree of Applied Science in Emergency Management, Track I: FEMA Independent Study

Through a unique partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Frederick Community College (FCC) utilizes specific courses taken through the FEMA Independent Study (IS) program as the building blocks for a degree program. An actively curated selection of IS courses are completed, converted to college credit, and then serve as foundational materials for a series of online FCC courses. These FCC courses are instructor-led, offered in a five-week format, and require students to build upon, expand, and apply their knowledge through additional assignments and coursework. A required internship then adds a culminating on-the-job element to round out a student's learning with practical experience.

This program is designed to provide students with a broad education in the discipline of emergency management. It focuses on preparedness and the skills needed to organize and lead emergency management operations, in a format that is convenient to those at a distance, adult learners, or anyone familiar with the IS training materials, in addition to traditional students.

Students should consult with a program advisor to determine whether Track I or Track II best suits their interests, finances, academic aspirations, and career goals.

NOTE: The process to transfer FEMA IS prerequisites to FCC credit and enroll in this program takes place in three environments:

1. FEMA website: Take FEMA IS courses online at <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>
2. EMI/Jacobs: Convert FEMA IS courses to FCC college credit at www.emstudy.com
3. FCC: Where final FEMA college credit resides, and where the additional online courses are taken

General Education -- 22 credits

Requirements include English, Mathematics, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Biological and Physical Sciences, Physical Education/Health/Wellness; courses are selected by the student, with advising available throughout the process.

Departmental Requirements - 18 credits

Students must successfully complete the following:

- EMGT 115 - Foundations of Emergency Management
- EMGT 125 - Emergency Management Coordination
- EMGT 135 - Leadership and Management
- EMGT 215 - Planning and Response
- EMGT 225 - Emergency Management Mitigation
- EMGT 235 - Recovery and Assessment

Each EMGT course requires the completion and credit conversion of selected IS courses before enrolling. These requirements are reviewed and updated regularly to adapt to industry priorities, respond to IS course content updates, and ensure all students receive the most current and

relevant course of study. The list of requirements may be found at:<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/public-safety/emergency-management-online.aspx>

Electives -- 10 credits

Students select other courses based on interest, relevance, advising, etc. to customize and round out their educational experience.

FEMA Electives -- 7 credits

Students convert 7 additional credits not yet taken (i.e. not previously required to enroll in an EMGT course) from the available IS program content.

Internship Experience - 3 credits

INTR 103 – Internship

Accreditation: Frederick Community College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

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