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 credential recognizing focused study of a specialized topic within emergency management. An actively curated selection of IS courses focusing on any of several current issues or topics within the field are completed, converted to college credit, and then serve as the foundational materials for a culminating online FCC course. This FCC course is instructor-led, offered in a five-week format, and requires students to build upon, expand, and apply their knowledge through additional assignments and coursework.

This program is intended to prepare students for organization, expertise, and leadership in specialty areas within emergency management (e.g., Mitigation, Planning for Schools, Continuity of Operations, Community & Volunteer Management, Disaster Construction, etc.). It is intended to supplement a broader education in emergency management, and is ideal for those interested in a smaller, focused credential to accompany other academic or career experience. Available topics for specialization are regularly reviewed and updated, to ensure students are able to pursue coursework that is current, useful, and interesting. A list of available topics can be found at: https://www.frederick.edu/programs/public-safety/emergency-management-online.aspx

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

Departmental Requirements - 6-7 credits
Choose any EMGT course numbered between EMGT 165 and EMGT 189

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:


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