

Fire Service Management Capstone Option

Students entering the Fire Service Management program with earned Associate's degree that is earned prior to the end of your first semester includes technical course work related to the fire service or the equivalent certification and a grade point average of 2.25 or better, as calculated by SIU, may be eligible for the **Capstone Option**. To be awarded the Capstone Option you **must** have completed at least 18 hours of University Core Curriculum (general education) in the areas listed below. To ensure that you satisfy the requirements for this option, check with your SIU Advisor. Remember, however that SIUC Office of Records and Registration is the approving authority for Capstone, not your SIU site advisor. You can find detailed information regarding this option in the current *SIUC Bulletin/Undergraduate Catalog*. Students who qualify and are admitted to **Capstone** have their **University Core Curriculum** requirements reduced to 30 semester hours but must make up the additional hours to reach the minimum 120 hour semester-hour degree requirement. These additional hours can be career electives or transfer credit from military or civilian technical schools.

Degree requirements for students admitted to the Capstone Option include:

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| University Core Curriculum | 30 |
| Fire Service Management Major | 48 |
| Approved Career Electives | 42 |
| Total | 120 |

University Core Curriculum requirements for **Capstone** include:

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| Science | 6 |
| Social Science | 6 |
| Humanities | 3 |
| Fine Arts | 3 |
| Multicultural | 3 |
| English Composition | 3 |
| Speech Communication | 3 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Total | 30 |

NOTE: Each **University Core Curriculum** course category includes specific requirements that are defined in the current *SIUC Bulletin/Undergraduate Catalog*. Students must work closely with the SIUC Program Advisor to prior approve course work as they enroll to make certain they fulfill the SIUC University Core Curriculum requirements.

University Requirement – While completing degree requirements students must complete 60 semester hours of the 120 semester hours required for the degree at the senior institutional level.

Approved Career Electives are defined as formal course work or its equivalent that is technical, managerial, or supervisory in nature and related to the Fire Service Management major. Most students fulfill the **Approved Career Electives** requirement through previous education related to the major, previous occupational education credit related to the major, and/or previous work experience credit related to the major. This includes military and civilian technical training, MOS/NER/AFSC credit, and experience.

SIUC's College of Applied Sciences and Arts is a member of the **Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC)**. In keeping with membership in **SOC**, transfer credit is accepted in all areas to include the major. However, each student must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work with SIUC to meet SIUC residency requirements. Each student also must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in all work taken at SIUC.