

Course Expectations Letter

Subject: FT 101 Fire Protection Organization

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Catalog Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to fire protection; career opportunities in fire protection and related fields; philosophy and history of fire protection; fire loss analysis; organization and function of public and private fire protection services; fire department as part of local government; laws and regulations affecting the fire service; fire service nomenclature; specific fire protection functions; basic fire chemistry and physics; introduction to fire protection systems; introduction to fire strategy and tactics. Advisory: ENGL 035, READ 023. Transfers to: CSU-Restricted (see counselor for credit limit).

Student Learning Outcomes:

SLO # 1: Identify minimum qualifications and entry-level skills for firefighter hiring; describe the following elements: application process, written exam process, physical agility exam, oral interview, chief's interview, background investigation, and firefighter probationary process; identify fire service history, culture, and diversity.

SLO # 2: Identify and comprehend laws, regulations, codes, and standards that influence fire department operations and identify regulatory and advisory organizations that create and mandate them, especially in the areas of fire prevention, building codes and ordinances, and firefighter health and safety.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and AP [5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

On line classes are available on Canvas 24 hours a day and much of the feedback on assignments and tests are automatic. With that said, communication between the students and professor will be with the conducted mainly through e-mail and on the Discussion Board in Canvas. For general information, regular and timely postings will be made on Canvas by the Professor.

Contacting the Professor: You may send e-mail messages to: dcoffman@riohondo.edu. On Campus Office: AJ 303.

You must contact me and review the Course Web Site and Course Syllabus on Canvas prior to the end of the first week or you will be dropped from the class!

Contact me with the following information: The classes you are taking, your e-mail addresses, full student ID number, full name, home address, daytime and home telephone numbers, and fire department you are affiliated with, if any.

I do not answer these e-mails. So if you need assistance, please send me a follow-up. Put in the subject line FOLLOW-UP QUESTION so that I will know to answer.

Future Communications: When contacting me by e-mail, first use the right e-mail address (Dcoffman@riohondo.edu), then identify yourself by full name, the college you are attending, the class you are in and a detailed message so I can help you.

Discussion Board: Under this Icon is the communication tool for the class. The "Discussion Board" is a great bulletin board forum is to post and gain information and to expand your network. Just remember, this is a professional forum and you should keep the tone as such. If you have questions of other students, post them here. If you want to network, use this opportunity often. If you have inquiries of a personal nature, contact me by e-mail at Dcoffman@riohondo.edu Don't forget to identify yourself and the class you are in.

Course Updates: I will typically respond to your communiqués within 48 hours (2 Work Days) and will post "UPDATES" on grades after each assignment due date.

The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientations can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.