



Basic Course Information

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CRN #:	10423	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	3204 & Other	Office #:	3200 Fire Office
Class Dates:	August 11 – Dec 6th 2025	Office Hours:	M-Thur 9:30 – 12:30
Class Days:	Tue,Wed,& Thurs	Office Phone #:	760-355-6160
Class Times:	T & TR 1700-21:30 Wed 1700-2030	Emergency Contact:	Department Secretary/Tricia Jones 760-355-6483
Units:	9.5	Class Format/Modality:	In Person/Hybrid

Course Description

Fire-First Responders encompasses the disciplines of EMT, IS100, 200 ,& IS700, 800. This course is designed for individuals who will come in contact with victims of illness or injury primarily in an emergency, pre-hospital environment. This course is of value to all emergency service personnel, including ambulance personnel, law enforcement personnel, fire services personnel, hospital emergency department personnel, and other rescue personnel. Topics include roles and responsibilities of first responders, as well as evaluation and treatment of illness and injury. Procedures for dealing with life threatening emergencies are presented. The student will be able to gain a functional understanding of assessment-based approaches to patient care as well as the interventions added to the EMT I scope of practice. Hazardous Material training and semi-automatic defibrillation training will be included. IS 100- Introduction to the Incident Command System introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). IS 700- This course introduces and overviews the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. Additional materials fee applies. (Nontransferable, AA/AS Degree only)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- 1. Demonstrate the application of a splint in proper sequence and using standard precautions. (ILO 2, ILO 3)*



2. *Demonstrate the ability to use critical thinking skills to assess and treat patients in emergency settings. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO5)*
3. *Demonstrate the use of federal and state laws in relation to on scene emergencies. (ILO1)*
4. *Demonstrate the ability to describe the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. (ILO2)*
5. *Demonstrate the ability to describe the purpose of the NIMS Components including: Preparedness, Communications and Information Management, Resource Management, and Command and Management (ILO2)*

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary to safely perform tasks required of an entry-level fire fighter, including fire behavior, extinguishment theory, water systems, fire protection systems, fire behavior, investigation and essential fire-ground operation.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and proficiency use, inspect, test and maintain the tools, equipment, and accessories necessary to perform the job of a firefighter, including but not limited to hand, power, and hydraulic tools, chain and circular saws, forcible entry tools, air chisels, lighting equipment, fire service jacks, flares or fuses, thermal imaging devices and navigational tools.
3. Comprehend and analyze characteristics of fire behavior, and evaluate a variety of methods and techniques for containment and extinguishment.
4. Recognize and describe common causes of injury and death associated with firefighting and ways to improve safety.
5. Demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary to safely use, inspect and maintain self-contained breathing apparatus.
6. Demonstrate knowledge and skill to inspect and effectively operate fire extinguishers.
7. Apply information on the different types of fire service ropes, their usage, construction, inspection, proper care, storage and record keeping requirements.
8. Comprehend and demonstrate knowledge on information, methods, and techniques for the use, inspection, care and maintenance of hoses, nozzles and appliances.
9. Demonstrate knowledge of methods and techniques for use, inspection, care and maintenance and testing of ground ladders

Textbooks & Other Resources or Link

- Student Textbook-REQUIRED – **9780135379134**
 - Emergency Care 14th Ed. Publisher-Pearson Education, Author Limmer O'Keefe (2014).
 - No Emergency Care workbook required – A mandatory testing website/APP will be purchased by each student. The website/APP will be disclosed on the first day of class. Approximately \$15
 - Student Workbook – IS 100 & IS 700
 - American Heart Association-CPR Card. Replacement cards are \$10.00.
 - CPR mask \$17.00 and American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers book \$22. Must purchase both prior to taking the CPR portion of the
 - I.D. Badge- \$5.00 required. It is not the same as the student I.D. Instructor will notify you when it's time.
 - Background check and drug screening = \$ 83 -\$100
 - The student is required to wear the items below to class. Please purchase when given notice. The student irresponsible to purchase their uniform by the date given in the schedule. Failure to do so will result in failure of the course.
 - Fire First Responders** will wear the required uniform on **all** days, including skills/simulation days
- Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Assignments

Students will complete the following assignment activities. When completing your written assignments in either Microsoft Word or rich text format (using Times New Roman size 12 font ONLY) – not Word Perfect, use APA CITED textbook concepts to analyze the disaster response issues. If you just complete the assignments in broad terms without applying text concepts using APA citations, your grade will be significantly lower. While older sources are fine, students must include the required number of citations from the textbook and more current sources. APA Citations: APA citations are required for assignments. Please ensure you're familiar with the process for correctly citing sources in your course submissions.

I strongly recommend students review a grammar/writing guide prior to submitting assignments. My goal is assignments will be reviewed and grades posted within 24 hours of their submission. Assignments submitted late will have a 10 % penalty assessed for each week late. Cover, reference, appendix, and table pages DO NOT count towards the page length requirements. There is NO extra credit or makeup assignments offered in the course, so every assignment contributes to students' final course grades. Assignments MUST be posted to the CANVAS site and do NOT get course messaged to me. I do not want a "backup" copy sent to me. Use CANVAS only – thanks!

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

What if I need to borrow technology or access to WIFI?

1. To request a loaner laptop, MYFI device, or other electronic device, please submit your request here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>
2. If you'd like access the WIFI at the IVC campus, you can park in parking lots "I & J". Students must log into the IVC student WIFI by using their IVC email and password. The parking lots will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Guidelines for using parking WIFI:

- Park in every other space (empty space BETWEEN vehicles)
- Must have facemask available
- For best reception park near buildings
- Only park at marked student spaces
- Only owners of a valid disabled placard may use disabled parking spaces
- Only members of the same household in each vehicle
- Occupants MUST remain in vehicles
- Restrooms and other on-campus services not available
- College campus safety will monitor the parking lot
- Student code of conduct and all other parking guidelines are in effect
- Please do not leave any trash behind
- No parking permit required

If you have any questions about using parking WIFI, please call Student Affairs at 760- 355-6455.

This course is taught at a professional level for students seeking a career in firefighting. Students are expected to behave professionally during all aspects of this class. In addition, you are representing the college in your assigned clinical settings. Admission to Imperial Valley College is governed by the laws of the state and such



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supplementary regulations as prescribed by the Board of Trustees. It is assumed that the entry of a student into Imperial Valley College constitutes the student's acceptance of the Standards of Student Conduct and the regulations published by the college in the General Catalog.

Additional mandatory hours. All students are required to do 24 hours of Clinical/Field hours and to assess and document a total of 5 patients. Any student who does not do the required hours, or fails to assess/document 5 patients will receive an "F" for the entire class.

Clinical Hours: TBA

Field Hours: Twelve hours –scheduled- Fire Ride Along

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

The student must meet requirements of the: National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, California EMS Authority, Imperial County EMS Agency, American Heart Association, AND the Office of the State Fire Marshall. Grading for the different sections of this course may vary slightly please read carefully. Ultimately, the EMT comprehensive final test must be passed with a score of 80% or higher AND the FIRE comprehensive final test that must be passed with a score of _80% or higher in order to pass the course.

Again, BOTH finals must be successfully passed at the cut score AND remaining sections of the course must have a final grade of B or higher to successfully pass this course.

Important Note: You can only retake 3 failed test. If you pass your retake it will only be worth 80%. After the third failed test you will be dismissed from the class. Failure to due minimum hours at the hospital or ride along you will be dropped from the class.

FIRE Grading Scale 93-100 A 93-100 A

85-92 B 85-92 B

77-84 C 77-84 C

Below 77 F Below 77 F

Pass Final with 80%

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This is required by the State of California and reflects the National standard. Students are allowed one retake of the written final; however, the first score will be the only one applied to your grade. Any students not receiving an 80% on either attempt will receive an "F "for the entire course. Other Requirements:

•Students must take all scheduled written and practical examinations. It is up to you to periodically check the student schedule. There are no makeups to an exam.

Examinations will be based on information presented in the lecture, from the text, book, and skills presentations.

•Students must pass all section examinations with a minimum of 80% proficiency.

•The CPR examination must be passed with a minimum of 84% proficiency (AHA). Students who cannot pass the CPR exam will be dropped from the class

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to

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do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not accessible, please contact your instructor or the area dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through **DSPS**, contact them for additional assistance.

We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.

Attendance Policy

A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.

Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.

Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception.

Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.

- *Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog.*

- *Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.*

- *What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.*

- *Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages*

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promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

- *Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one’s own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to “cite a source” correctly, you must ask for help.*

- *Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.*

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Financial Aid

Your Grades Matter! In order to continue to receive financial aid, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement. Making SAP means that you are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, you have successfully completed 67% of your coursework, and you will graduate on time. If you do not maintain SAP, you may lose your financial aid. If you have questions, please contact financial aid at finaid@imperial.edu.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

08/12/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	1	Fire Academy Orientation/ Introduction and Syllabus
08/13/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	1	AHA CPR Certification
08/14/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	2	AHA CPR Certification
WEEK 2				
08/19/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	3	AHA CPR Certification



08/20/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	14	AHA CPR Certification
08/21/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	1	Ch. 1-3
WEEK 3				
08/26/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	1	Lec CH 4-6
08/27/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	14	Skills Prep
08/28/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	14	Lec CH 7-8
WEEK 4				
09/02/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	2	Lec CH 9-10
09/03/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	14	Skills Prep
09/04/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	3	Lec CH 11-12
WEEK 5				
09/09/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	7	Lec CH 13-14
09/10/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	14	SKILLS - Airway, Lifting & Moving
09/11/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	3	Lec CH 15-16
WEEK 6				
09/16/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	6	Lec CH 17-18
09/17/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	14	Skills Prep
09/18/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	5	Lec CH 19-20
WEEK 7				
09/23/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	5	Lec CH 21-22
09/24/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	14	SKILLS - Practice Assessment Skills
09/25/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	3	Lec CH 23-24
WEEK 8				
09/30/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	3	Lec CH 25-26
10/01/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	14	Lec CH 27-29



10/02/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	9	SKILLS - EMT Scenarios
WEEK 9				
10/07/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	4&5	Lec CH 30-31
10/08/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	14	SKILLS - Air Operations & PT Extrication
10/09/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	11&16	Lec CH 32-33
WEEK 10				
10/14/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	8&10	Lec CH 34-35
10/15/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	10	Skills
10/16/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	12	Lec CH 36-37
WEEK 11				
10/21/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	12	Lec CH 38-39
10/22/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	16	MCI Drill / Tactical EMS
10/23/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	12	Lec CH 40-41
WEEK 12				
10/28/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	12	SKILLS - Final Practice
10/29/25	Wed	17:00-20:10		SKILLS - Final Practice
10/30/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	12	SKILLS - Final Practice
WEEK 13				
11/04/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	9 & 15	SKILLS - Final Practice
11/05/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	9 & 15	SKILLS - Final Practice
11/06/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	16	SKILLS - Final Practice
WEEK 14				
11/11/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	16	National Registration Written Test Prep
11/12/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	16	Written Final
11/13/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	16	National Registration Written Test Prep
WEEK 15				



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11/18/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	16	National Skills Final Day 1
11/19/25	Wed	17:00-20:10	16	National Skills Final Day 2
11/20/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	16	National Skills Final Day 3
Thanksgiving Break				
WEEK 16				
12/02/25	Tues	17:00-21:30	16	National Skills Final Day 1 (make-up)
12/03/25	WED	17:00-20:10		National Skills Final Day 2 (make-up)
12/04/25	Thur	17:00-21:30	16	National Skills Final Day 3 (make up)

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****