The major in Fire and Emergency Service provides a foundation in fire and emergency services, with related courses in management and administration. The major prepares students for careers in fire services, emergency management and administrative aspects of emergency medical services.

Skills, Abilities and Objectives for Fire and Emergency Services Majors:
- Integrate academic knowledge into fire and emergency service administrative and managerial roles
- Collaborate with peers to solve fire and emergency service organizational problems
- Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and competencies in the fire and emergency services field
- Apply this knowledge to fire and emergency service organizations
- Demonstrate knowledge of communication systems used in Fire and Emergency Services
- Demonstrate knowledge of safety, health, and environmental regulations at state and federal levels
- Knowledge of code regulations and ability
- Utilize verbal communication for leadership in fire and emergency services
- Conduct basic fire inspection, basic fire cause and origin, hazardous materials awareness
- Understand the tactics and strategies involved in fire suppression
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Transferring Skills to Careers:
The skills above prepare Fire and Emergency Services majors for a range of professional degrees and career options. The list below does not include all possible professional paths to students who major in Fire and Emergency Services but gives a sample of careers graduates have chosen to pursue. The theoretical and assessment skills developed by Fire and Emergency Services majors are applicable to positions such as:
- Police, Fire and Ambulance Dispatcher
- Emergency Management Director
- Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic
- Municipal Firefighter
- Municipal Firefighting and Prevention Supervisor
- Fire Inspector
- Forest Fire Fighting and Prevention Supervisor
- Fire Investigator
- Fire Prevention and Protection Engineer
- Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installer
- Emergency Communication Center Manager
- Construction Worker/Site Manager

Strategies for Professional Development:
- Look for internship/volunteer experiences with various fire and emergency response organizations such as FEMA and the American Red Cross.
- Develop and emphasize your transferable skills such as:
  - Communication
  - Leadership/Teamwork
  - Strategic Thinking
  - Critical Thinking
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in the fire and emergency services field
- Get involved in student organizations and volunteer opportunities that allow you to develop your teamwork and leadership skills.
- Create a LinkedIn account to connect with individuals and organizations in your field of interests.
- Consider pursuing a master's degree in a related career field.

Professional Associations/Organizations:
A professional association is an organization formed to promote and support the development, growth and work efforts of individuals in a particular career field. Membership benefits include networking, continuing education, mentoring programs, meetings/conferences and exclusive access to information regarding career opportunities.

There is often a fee for joining professional organizations; however, most associations offer discounts to students, including graduate school students, recent graduates, and young professionals. All or a portion of associations fees are tax deductible. To learn more about professional associations, see the National Trade and Professional Associations Directory, the American Society of Association Executives or Encyclopedia of Associations: Volume I- National Organizations of the U.S. is available in the Reference section of John Jay College’s Lloyd Sealy Library.

- United States Fire Association  
  http://www.usfa.fema.gov/index.shtm

- International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services  
  http://i-women.org/

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
  http://www.fema.gov/

**Additional Resources:**

- Fire and Emergency Services Exploring Program:  

- Fire and Emergency Services Career Exploring:  
  http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/career-exploring/fire-service/

- US Navy Fire and Emergency Services:  
  http://cnic.navy.mil/CNIC_HQ_Site/WhatWeDo/BaseSupport/FireEmergencyServices/index.htm

- Department of Defense Fire and Emergency Services Certification Program  
  http://www.dodffcert.com/documents/ProgramNews.htm

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