Degree Requirements for the MS in Fire and Emergency Management Administration

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate College, requirements for the Master of Science degree in fire and emergency management administration are listed below.

1. A minimum of 33 credit hours in FEMP or closely related courses. Required courses include a 12-hour core requirement, a three-hour methods requirement, a three-hour administration course requirement, a six-hour emergency management or fire administration requirement, and six or nine hours of electives. Students must complete a three-hour practicum research project or a thesis with a minimum of six hours. Most courses in the FEMP MS program are conducted in the department’s state-of-the-art virtual classroom, where both on-site and off-site students participate simultaneously in the same class sessions.

2. Satisfactory completion of a final assessment project (either a Thesis or a Practicum).

3. Minimum 3.00 grade-point average, with only one grade of "C" allowed.

Admission Requirements for PhD in Fire and Emergency Management Administration

OSU Graduate College admission requirements include the following: an OSU Graduate College Application, payment of the OSU Graduate Application fee and transcripts of all previous college level coursework including transcripts that verify receipt of an undergraduate and graduate master's degree.

1. GPA: minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

2. GRE: Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are waived for students who have a 3.5 or above at the conclusion of their Master’s degree program. GRE scores taken within the last 5 years are required for students who have less than a cumulative 3.5 GPA at the completion of their Master’s degree program.

3. Professional experience in a fire or emergency services related field is preferred, but not required.

4. Academic experience in a fire or emergency services related field is preferred. If applicant has a degree outside of the fire or emergency services related field, they should spend time explaining how their academic background (i.e. degree, courses, research) has prepared them for the pursuit of a PhD in Fire and Emergency Management Administration.

5. English Language Proficiency. For international students, a minimum TOEFL score of 79 (Internet) and 550 (paper) is required.

6. A current resume

7. Three letters of recommendation: At least two letters must come from individuals who can speak directly to the applicant’s abilities in the classroom and conducting research at the level required for doctoral work (i.e. faculty members).

8. An essay: This 1-2 page essay should address the applicant’s previous professional and academic experience and how it has prepared them to seek a PhD in Fire and Emergency Management Administration. Candidates should also address their 5 and 10 year goals, discuss their research interests, and explain how the FEMP
program and faculty can help them reach their goals and develop their research interests.

9. Copy of the applicant's thesis or other written example of applicant's research abilities.

10. Copies of any published materials authored by the candidate.

Degree Requirements for the PhD in Fire and Emergency Management Administration

Degree candidates must have completed a master's degree. In addition, they must complete 60 hours of required common coursework that includes 15 hours in core courses, 12 hours of research tools, 18 hours of elective courses closely aligned with their academic and research interests, and 15 hours of dissertation research. Finally, candidates must take written and oral comprehensive exams and must successfully defend their dissertation before their dissertation committee. Most courses in the FEMP PhD program are conducted in the department's state-of-the-art virtual classroom, where both on-site and off-site students participate simultaneously in the same class sessions.