



# BROWARD COLLEGE COURSE OUTLINE

**LAST REVIEW: 2008- 2009**

*(i.e. 2003-2004)*

**NEXT REVIEW: 2013- 2014**

*(i.e. 2008-2009)*

**STATUS: A**

*(A, I, D)*

**COURSE TITLE: Ethical and Legal Issues for the Fire Service**

**COMMON COURSE NUMBER: FFP 2770**

**CREDIT HOURS: 3**

**CONTACT HOUR BREAKDOWN**

*(per 16 week term)*

**CLOCK HOURS:**

*(Voc. Course ONLY)*

Lecture: **48**

Lab:

Clinic:

Other:

**PREREQUISITE(S): None**

**COREQUISITE(S): None**

**PRE/COREQUISITE(S): None**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION :** This course deals with the entire spectrum of issues facing today's fire service leaders. Topics include; labor relations, human rights and diversity, conflicts of interest, frameworks for ethical decision-making, laws regulating emergency services, standard of care, torts and liability . Case studies are used to explore contemporary issues, including a review of recent court cases.

General Education Requirements – Associate of Arts Degree (AA), meets Area(s): Area  
General Education Requirements – Associate in Science Degree (AS), meets Area(s): Area  
General Education Requirements – Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS), meets Area(s): Area

## **UNIT TITLES**

- 1. The law and how it functions in society.**
- 2. Codes and Standards**
- 3. Fire Department organization and structure**
- 4. Firefighter duty and liability**
- 5. Discrimination in the fire service**
- 6. Federal laws and the fire service**
- 7. Firefighter health, wellness and safety**

**EVALUATION:**

Please provide a brief description (250 characters maximum) that details how students will be evaluated on the course outcomes.

1. Quizzes, tests, projects, exercises, and/or final exam (cumulative or comprehensive)
2. Individual faculty may also choose to assess class participation, attendance, and/or extra credit assignments.

*\*\*\* Complete the following only if course is seeking general education status \*\*\**

**GENERAL EDUCATION Competencies and Skills\*:**

Please highlight in green font all Competencies/Skills from the list below that apply to this course. In the box to the right of the Competency/Skill, enter all specific learning outcome numbers (i.e. 1.1, 2.7, 5.12) that apply.

1. Read with critical comprehension	
2. Speak and listen effectively	
3. Write clearly and coherently	
4. Think creatively, logically, critically, and reflectively (analyze, synthesize, apply, and evaluate)	
5. Demonstrate and apply literacy in its various forms: (highlight in green ALL that apply) ( 1. technological, 2. informational, 3. mathematical, 4. scientific, 5. cultural, 6. historical, 7. aesthetic and/or 8. environmental )	
6. Apply problem solving techniques to real-world experiences	
7. Apply methods of scientific inquiry	
8. Demonstrate an understanding of the physical and biological environment and how it is impacted by human beings	
9. Demonstrate an understanding of and appreciation for human diversities and commonalities	
10. Collaborate with others to achieve common goals.	
11. Research, synthesize and produce original work	
12. Practice ethical behavior	
13. Demonstrate self-direction and self motivation	
14. Assume responsibility for and understand the impact of personal behaviors on self and society	
15. Contribute to the welfare of the community	

\* General Education Competencies and Skills endorsed by '05-'06 General Education Task Force

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**UNITS**

**Unit 1**

**General Outcome:**

- 1.0 The student shall: demonstrate an understanding of the law and how it functions in society.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 1.1 Define the different types of laws.**
- 1.2 Explain the basic difference and how they function in society.**
- 1.3 Explain the impact legal decisions have on the fire service**
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**Unit 2**

**General Outcome:**

- 2.0 The student shall: demonstrate an understanding the codes and standards which affect the fire service**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 2.1 Explain the history of code development.**
- 2.2 Explain the role and purpose of national codes and standards.**
- 2.3 Demonstrate knowledge of the code adoption process.**
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**Unit 3**

**General Outcome:**

- 3.0 The student shall: demonstrate an understanding of fire department structure and organization.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 3.1 Explain the history of fire service structure and organization.**
- 3.2 Demonstrate knowledge of the different styles of organization used in the modern fire service.**
- 3.3 Explain the differences in the different styles of organization.**
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**Unit 4**

**General Outcome:**

- 4.0 The student shall: demonstrate an understanding of firefighter duty and liability.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 4.1 Recognize the legal duties of emergency service members.**
- 4.2 Define the liabilities of emergency service members.**
- 4.3 Discuss recent court cases involving emergency service member's duty and liability.**
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**Unit 5**

**General Outcome:**

- 5.0 The student shall: demonstrate an understanding of discrimination in the fire service.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

**5.1 Define discrimination.**

**5.2 Identify areas of potential discrimination.**

**5.3 Discuss the legalities and limitations of hiring practices, residency, grooming and drug testing.**

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**Unit 6**

**General Outcome:**

- 6.0 The student shall: demonstrate an understanding of the impact federal law has on the fire service.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 6.1 Discuss the scope of the Civil Rights Act.**
- 6.2 Explain the intent of the American Disabilities Act.**
- 6.3 Discuss the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.**
- 6.4 Explain the basic intent and parameters of the Family Medical Leave Act.**
- 6.5 Explain the purpose of labor and employment laws.**
- 6.6 Explain the “At-will” doctrine.**
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**Unit 7**

**General Outcome:**

- 7.0 The student shall: demonstrate an understanding of the issues impacting firefighter health, wellness and safety.**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

- 7.1 Identify the major causes of firefighter line of duty death and injury.**
- 7.2 Discuss the changes needed to reduce the incidence of death and injury.**
- 7.3 Discuss the steps required to change the current culture found in the modern fire service.**
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**Common Course Number:**

**Unit 8**

**General Outcome:**

**8.0 The student shall:**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

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**Unit 9**

**General Outcome:**

**9.0 The student shall:**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

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**Unit 10**

**General Outcome:**

**10.0 The student shall:**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

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**Unit 11**

**General Outcome:**

**11.0 The student shall:**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

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**Unit 12**

**General Outcome:**

**12.0 The student shall:**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

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**Common Course Number:**

**Unit 13**

**General Outcome:**

**13.0 The student shall:**

**Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:**

**Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:**

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