



Fire Science Program

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Criminal Justice / Fire Science / Security* **(Offered by New Jersey City University)**

The only university-based fire science department in the state and one of the few in the nation.

The NJCU Fire Science Program:

The NJCU Fire Science program is the only university-based bachelor's degree program in the State of New Jersey. This progressive, student-centered program is designed specifically to maximize student learning, professional success, and career advancement. All NJCU Fire instructors are committed to the learning and success of their students. Each has outstanding teaching credentials and are recognized for their professional accomplishments through the term of their 20-plus years of fire service experience. Classroom teaching is highly interactive, emphasizing leadership development and teamwork through student-centered learning. Recognizing the inherent variability of student's life schedules, all classes are supplemented with distance learning capabilities. The curriculum is composed of courses recognized as being pertinent for the comprehensive development of today's firefighter. The textbooks employed are those recognized by the N.J. Department of Personnel for fire service promotional examinations.

Admission Requirements:

Students are required to present the following credentials when applying for admission to New Jersey City University (NJCU):

1. Completion of an NJCU admissions application
2. An associate degree (A.A., A.S.) from a New Jersey Institution of Higher Education. A Fire Science associate degree is preferred, but, not required.
3. A 2.0 minimum GPA is required
4. Official transcripts from each institution attended

Note: *If associate degree is completed after the NJCU application/transcript(s) are submitted, students must resubmit an official transcript indicating that their degree is conferred no later than October 15 for fall applicants and February 28 for spring applicants.*

How to Apply:

Applications can be completed online at www.njcu.edu, indicating in their personal statement their interest in the Communiversity.

Application Deadlines:

Students should apply during the last semester of their associate's degree or at any point after their degree is completed.

Part-Time/Full-Time:

Students can attend either part- or full-time. The 2-year cycle of courses is designed in such a way that students may complete the Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science in two-years if attending full-time.

Location:

All New Jersey City University courses are offered at the Communiversity location and via online modalities.

Tuition:

The current (Fall 2009) in-state tuition rate is \$297.45 per credit for under 12 credits. For students taking 12 or more credits (full-time status) the tuition is \$4,493.85. Please note that tuition and fees are subject to change without notice by action of the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University.

Transfer Credit:

66 credits is the maximum number of transfer credits from a community college.

Degree FAQs:

How many credits are required?

A minimum of 128 credits are required to graduate.

Can I attend courses at the home campus as well?

Yes.

What can I expect upon applying to New Jersey City University?

Admission Decision Letter:

Approximately 1-2 weeks after submitting a complete application (a complete application includes an application, application fee, personal statement indicating interest in the Communiversity, and official transcripts detailing all previous college credits) you will receive an admission decision letter. An "incomplete" letter describing the missing components of the application will be mailed to applicants if any of the above application materials are not submitted.

Transfer Evaluation:

The evaluation of transfer credits is done after the student is admitted to the NJCU/Communiversity program. **It is the student's responsibility to submit a complete official transcript showing a conferred A.A./A.S. degree from an accredited New Jersey community or four-year college by June 30 for fall semester admission and by November 1 for spring semester admission. For students completing their A.A./A.S. degree in December and have applied for spring admission, it is the student's responsibility to submit by the first day of the spring semester a letter from the sending school's Registrar's office confirming that the student has completed the A.A./A.S. degree requirement. An official transcript showing a conferred A.A./A.S. degree should be submitted as soon as it is available from the sending institution. Failure to provide an official transcript or letter from Registrar can result in removal from registered classes at the Communiversity.**

Graduates from accredited New Jersey community or four-year colleges, with an A.A. or A.S. degree, and who have earned a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) will be able to transfer a block of credits (a maximum of 66 credits), thereby satisfying the University's general studies requirements including the All University Requirements (AUR).

The Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree programs are generally classified as terminal, vocational programs. A maximum of 66 credits may be applied to NJCU degree requirements, assuming a minimum grade of "C" for all such accepted credits. Transferred credit from an A.A.S. degree program will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis and **WILL NOT** completely satisfy the University's general studies requirements.

Registration Information:

Advisement is conducted each semester at the Communiversity by NJCU Fire Science faculty and may also take place via phone, email, or in person at New Jersey City University, Jersey City campus. Through GothicNet, a web portal, students have the ability to register online. Please note that prior to registering online, students must meet with their advisor to lift the advisement hold. For more information on GothicNet, please visit the following site: <http://gothicnet.njcu.edu>

Financial Aid:

Students must start the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at www.fafsa.ed.gov, selecting NJCU as their college choice. Please note that the priority filing deadline for the FAFSA, the prerequisite for any financial aid, is April 15. NJCU's Federal Title IV school code is: 002613. *Please refer to [-http://www.njcu.edu/i2e/financial_aid/default_new.asp](http://www.njcu.edu/i2e/financial_aid/default_new.asp) - if you have further questions or call (201) 200-3173.*

Disability Services:

Accepted students with disabilities other than learning disabilities should contact Sharon Jackson, Coordinator of the Office for Specialized Services, at 1-201-200-3138. Accepted students with learning disabilities should contact Jennifer Aitken, Director of Project Mentor, at 1-201-200-2091.

Interested students may schedule an appointment with a Communiversity advisor by calling 1-732-280-7090 x6006 or stopping by the Communiversity in Wall Township between the hours of 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

For further information on the Fire Science program, please contact:

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