

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS (UNLV)
GS-0401 EDUCATION PROGRAM
General Program Information and Application Guidelines

General Program Information

Course Coordination: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Fire Training Unit at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) is the lead agency coordinating with UNLV. The classrooms for all the modules and the administration staff for UNLV will be at the UNLV Paradise campus, which is located near the intersection of Tropicana Avenue and Paradise Road in Las Vegas, Nevada. Lodging and meals will be off campus. The UNLV staff will forward more logistical information to accepted students. Students will be on per diem and responsible for providing their own lodging, meals, transportation, and parking permit.

Course Schedule and Additional Information: The program is divided into eight two-week modules offered through the Division of Educational Outreach over approximately nine months. The program is rigorous due to the compressed nature of the classes. Students can expect to devote extra time outside of normal working hours in order to satisfactorily complete the classes. The following information provides the courses, tentative dates, and credits for each of the two-week modules. The course dates may change slightly due to instructor availability.

Course	Credits	<i>Tentative Dates</i>
Fundamentals of Life Science	3 Lower	September 19 – 30, 2011
Principles of Modern Biology II	3 Lower	October 24 – November 4, 2011
Principles of Ecology	3 Upper	November 28 – December 9, 2011
Conservation Biology	3 Upper	January 2 – 13, 2012
Principles of Plant Ecology	3 Upper	January 30 – February 10, 2012
Field Ecology	3 Upper	February 27 – March 9, 2012
Biogeography	3 Upper	March 26 – April 6, 2012
Ecosystem Management	3 Upper	April 23 – May 4, 2012

Fundamentals of Life Science and Principles of Modern Biology II are prerequisite courses for all the upper division courses. Principles of Ecology is a prerequisite for Principles of Plant Ecology, Field Ecology, and Ecosystem Management. Waiving prerequisites is possible by having UNLV evaluate previous student records. Points of contact for correspondence confirming or denying prerequisite waivers will be the faculty at UNLV and the BLM Fire Training Unit (FA-324).

Options for both full and partial enrollment are available. A fully-enrolled student is one that attends all modules in sequence; a partially-enrolled student is one who only needs some of the modules.

Program Completion: Upon successful completion of the entire program, candidates will earn 6 lower-division and 18 upper-division credit hours in biological sciences.

Application Guidelines

All BLM personnel from field and state offices will apply for the program via their own state fire management officer (SFMO) by April 1, 2011. (The BLM NIFC employees should apply directly to the BLM Fire Training Unit.)

State FMOs will gather applications for their area and prioritize applicants. States will then forward this information to the BLM Fire Training Unit at NIFC no later than April 15, 2011.

Non-BLM applicants will follow their established channels or can send their applications directly to the BLM Fire Training Unit at NIFC.

National Interagency Fire Center
BLM Fire Training Unit (FA-324)
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Application packets should include the documents in the order listed below.

1. Completed UNLV Educational Program Application
2. Completed UNLV Completion Agreement
3. College transcripts (necessary only if requesting prerequisite waivers).