

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT | M.E. RINKER, SR. SCHOOL OF

Established in 1935, the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management is the oldest continuous construction management program in the country. The school offers majors in Construction Management and Fire and Emergency Services; and certificates in Construction Management, Emergency Medical Services Management, and Fire and Emergency Services Management.

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Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0272>) More Info (<http://www.bcn.ufl.edu/>)

Academic Advising

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Established

1935, through the architecture program. Became a department in 1957 and a school in 1976.

Accredited

American Council for Construction Education

Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Construction Management (BSCM), Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Services (BSFES.)

Certificates

EMS Management, FES Management, Construction Management, Senior Fire Officer

Scholarships

General financial aid information is available from the Office of Student Financial Affairs. The school can provide scholarship information for third- and fourth-year construction management students.

Internships and Career Guidance

The school has a career placement office and also hosts a construction management career fair each semester.

Research Centers

Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, the Powell Center for Construction and Environment, the Fluor Program for Construction Safety and the Center for Advanced Construction Information Modeling.

Helpful Links

- School Website (<https://dcp.ufl.edu/rinker/>)
- Combination Degrees (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/combined-degrees/>)
- Computer Requirement (<https://dcp.ufl.edu/rinker/academics/computer-requirements/>)
- Student Clubs (<https://dcp.ufl.edu/rinker/student-clubs/>)

Academic Policies

Application Deadlines

Students are admitted for third-year professional coursework in the Fall and Spring semesters for Construction Management and each semester for Fire and Emergency Services. Application procedures, receipt of transcripts and school requirements for admission should be completed by the application deadline. Late applications are not accepted.

More Info (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/ugrad/trappdates.html>)

Normal Academic Progress

Students must maintain normal academic progress with a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all courses attempted in the junior and senior years. Students must take courses in the sequence specified. Students may be dismissed from the program if they fail to maintain normal academic progress.

Normal Course Loads

The average course load for construction management students is 16 credits. Students who wish to take fewer than 12 credits should be aware that certain university privileges and benefits require a minimum course load. It is the student's responsibility to verify the minimum course load necessary for these privileges and benefits.

Student Work

The Rinker School reserves the right to retain all student work for the purpose of record, exhibition or instruction.

Probation and Dismissal

Students who do not make satisfactory academic progress will be excluded from further registration.

Students who receive a failing grade in a BCN course will be dismissed if they subsequently receive a failing grade in the same course.

Students failing two or more BCN courses in any semester will be dismissed.

Student Responsibility

Before enrolling, it is the student's responsibility to review and consider all pertinent information about the university and the school. Special attention must be paid to required documentation, degree requirements and deadlines.

Waiver of Liability

Several courses require field trips. All students must sign a waiver of liability and a hold harmless agreement as a prerequisite to admission to the School of Construction Management. In addition, student organizations are represented at conferences, seminars and projects outside of campus. A separate, similar waiver will be used for students who participate in these voluntary activities.

Admission to Construction Management

Admission to CM is *selective* and is given to those applicants whose potential indicates the greatest likelihood of success in the program.

All Students

- The school has limited admission. An applicant's satisfaction of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. The school has established a selective process for admission and only a limited number of new students are accepted each Fall and Spring term. No distinction is made between internal and external transfers. Students may apply only twice to upper division.
- Students must attain a minimum 2.50 GPA in construction management prerequisite coursework and have an overall 2.50 GPA for all freshman and sophomore work required for a baccalaureate degree in construction management.
- Students must submit a personal statement outlining their reasons for applying to the Rinker School. Consideration is also given to the number of preprofessional courses remaining, as well as to the applicant's letter of intent, work experience, personal references and participation in student organizations and community events.
- Students must complete two sequential courses of foreign language in secondary school, 8-10 credits at the postsecondary level or document an equivalent level of proficiency.

Transfer Students

Students attending four-year colleges should follow a program of General Education and preprofessional courses equivalent to the basic curriculum for entry to the Rinker School.

Junior college and public college students must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the university transfer program at the junior college.
- Complete the AA degree.
- Complete all prerequisite General Education and preprofessional courses, or acceptable substitutes.
- Meet with an academic advisor in the Rinker School before applying to upper division.
- Can transfer up to 15 credits from another ACCE accredited four-year program.

Admission to Fire and Emergency Services

All Students

- An Associate of Arts degree from a Florida state college -OR- 60+ transferrable credits from a regionally accredited college or university (may require additional coursework to satisfy the state of Florida General Education requirements).
- A minimum 2.30 GPA in fire and emergency services prerequisite coursework and have an overall 2.30 GPA for all freshman and sophomore work required for a baccalaureate degree in fire and emergency services.
- Complete two sequential courses of foreign language in secondary school, 8-10 credits at the postsecondary level *or* document an equivalent level of proficiency.
- Credits beyond the 60 required for admission to the school will not reduce the number of credits to be completed in the junior and senior years to earn a degree. These courses may not be accepted for equivalent credit.
- Travel may be required

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Junior college and public college students should:

- Complete the university transfer program at the junior college.
- Complete the AA degree.
- Complete all prerequisite General Education and preprofessional courses, or acceptable substitutes.

Degree Requirements

Seniors must file a formal application for degree on ONE.UF (<https://one.uf.edu/>) by the deadline (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/dates-deadlines/>), which is early in the semester in which they expect to receive the degree.

To receive the Bachelor of Science in Construction Management, a student must complete all of the following satisfactorily:

- Complete 64 credits of construction management prerequisite requirements.
- Complete the approved program in construction management, consisting of 61 credits of 3000/4000-level coursework taken in the junior/senior years.
- Attain a minimum 2.0 overall GPA.
- Attain a minimum 2.0 GPA on all 3000/4000-level degree requirements.
- A minimum of 125 credits is required for graduation. The waiving of any required course does not reduce the credits required for graduation.

Degree Requirements for Fire and Emergency Services

Seniors must file a formal application for degree on ONE.UF (<https://one.uf.edu/>), by the deadline (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/dates-deadlines/>), which is early in the semester in which they expect to receive the degree.

To receive the Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Services, a student must complete all of the following satisfactorily:

- Complete the approved program in fire and emergency services, consisting of 60 credits of 3000/4000-level coursework taken in the junior/senior years.
- Attain a minimum 2.0 overall GPA.
- Complete a minimum of 120 credits. The waiving of any required course does not reduce the credits required for graduation.

Graduating with Honors (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/academic-honors/#graduatingwithhonorstext>)

Programs

MAJORS

- Combination Degrees
- Construction Management

CERTIFICATES

- Construction Management Certificate
- Emergency Management Certificate

- Emergency Medical Services Management Certificate
- Senior Fire Officer Certificate

UF ONLINE MAJORS

- Fire and Emergency Services UF Online
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