

Policy Title:	Student Firefighter Policy
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Governing Body:	Southern Oregon University	Policy Number:	SAD.019
Policy Contact:	Office of the Dean of Students	Date Revised:	
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Related Policy:			

Revision History

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	Initial version	September 2020

A. Purpose

This policy establishes guidelines for the support of students who work as firefighters while enrolled for courses at Southern Oregon University (SOU). Many SOU students work as firefighters around the Pacific Northwest. This policy assists those students in continuing to work in various roles fighting fires without jeopardizing their academic success.

B. Policy Statement

1. SOU will provide assistance to student firefighters who plan on attending but whose arrival will be delayed due to fire season conditions. Student firefighters will incur no late fees, residence hall rooms will be held, charges for room and board will be prorated, registration assistance will be provided and financial aid will remain available.
2. Faculty members will be informed individually of their student’s expected return/arrival date. An agreement, however, will also be necessary between the student and the instructor as to whether or not the student can still successfully complete the class and what academic accommodations may be suitable. SOU will assist the student with cancelling their registration with no penalties, if deemed necessary.

3. To be covered by this policy, by the end of the fourth week of applicable terms, students must provide proof that they were dispatched fighting fires.

4. Faculty, staff and students should contact the Dean of Students at (541) 552-6652 for assistance.

This policy may be revised at any time without notice. All revisions supersede prior policy and are effective immediately upon approval.

C. Policy Consultation

Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, University Housing, Registrar, and Policy Council. Policy was posted on September 17, 2020 for community comment.

The Policy Contact, defined above, will write and maintain the procedures related to this policy and these procedures will be made available within the Custodial Office.