

OUTDOOR SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

Juneau

The certificate is a nine month intensive humanities program designed to develop skills and characteristics that are essential to success as an individual, a group member, and a leader in outdoor and adventure settings. The program incorporates outdoor risk management, leadership skills, specific outdoor activity skills (such as rock and ice climbing, kayaking, skiing, camping), and academic work in areas such as Alaska history, science, philosophy, and communication. Both outdoor and academic courses are designed to develop not only knowledge but also personal traits such as self-reliance and good judgment. The curriculum includes 34 credits of course work and practical learning experiences. Individuals who complete the program will have the knowledge and skills to plan and manage a variety of outdoor experiences and will be well qualified for entry level positions in the outdoor industry. The Outdoor Skills and Leadership program offers courses in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

Admission Requirements

Please see the section titled "Additional Program Requirements: Outdoor Studies" on our Admissions page (<https://uas.alaska.edu/apply/steps/freshmen.html>) for specific application and admission requirements.

Requirement	Hours
Minimum Credit Hours	34-35
Program Requirements	13-14
Related Academic Courses	10
Skills Courses	11

Students must complete WRTG S111 with a C (2.00) or higher or place into WRTG S111 to complete this program. Students should note that they are only allowed to take courses for which they meet the prerequisites.

Code	Title	Credits
Program Requirements		
ENVI S120	*Cultures and Environments	3
ODS S120	Wilderness First Responder	4
ODS S243	Outdoor Studies and Leadership	3
ODS S245	Outdoor Studies Expedition I	3-4
<i>Related academic courses</i>		
Select one of the following:		4
ODS S372	Mountain Studies: Philosophy, Literature, and Practice	
or ODS S373	Ocean Studies: Images of the Environment	
Select two of the following:		6
ENGL S303	Literature and the Environment	
HUM S370	Sport, Leisure, and Culture	
ENVI S360	Alaska: A Contested Geography	

ODS S390	Selected Topics in Outdoor Studies
PHIL S371	Perspectives on the Natural World

Skills courses

Select 11 credits of the following:		11
ODS S112	Swiftwater Rescue	
ODS S114	Backpacking in Southeast Alaska	
ODS S115	Winter Backpacking in Southeast Alaska	
ODS S116	Introduction to Rock Climbing	
ODS S117	Introduction to Ice Climbing	
ODS S118	Avalanche Evaluation and Theory I	
ODS S133	Introduction to Sea Kayaking	
ODS S134	Introduction to Swiftwater Travel	
ODS S148	Backcountry Skiing and Snowboarding	
ODS S205	Backcountry Navigation	
ODS S216	Rock Climbing Level II	
ODS S217	Ice Climbing Level II	
ODS S218	Avalanche Evaluation and Theory Level II	
ODS S221	Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Fundamentals	
ODS S222	Mountaineering I	
ODS S233	Advanced Sea Kayaking ¹	

¹ May be repeated for up to 3 credits.

Degree: Certificate, Outdoor Skills & Leadership; BLA Outdoor and Adventure Studies; Geography & Environmental Studies

Students who complete any of the Outdoor Studies programs will:

1. Develop skills required to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities and act as a group leader/entry level professional in some of those activities.
2. Be able to intelligently discuss and write about important academic and intellectual approaches to understanding human relationships to the natural world.
3. Understand the general theoretical foundations of outdoor leadership and education and be able to apply their understanding in leadership situations.
4. Have the ability to plan and execute significant trips in outdoor settings.
5. Develop their capacity to manage and lead groups in outdoor settings. Students who complete the Outdoor and Adventure Studies BLA will additionally:
6. Be able to integrate their intellectual understanding of outdoor leisure and recreation into a larger view developed through their completion of the Liberal Arts program. As well, they will develop the ability to plan and execute

significant multi-week expeditions. Students who complete the Geography and Environmental Studies program will additionally:

7. Be able to integrate their understanding of understanding of outdoor leisure and recreation with their understanding of geography and environmental studies. As well, they will develop the ability to plan and execute significant multi-week expeditions.