

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
Program Requirements	34-35

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		
ODS S120	Wilderness First Responder	4
ODS S243	Outdoor Studies and Leadership	3
ODS S245	Outdoor Studies Expedition I	3-4
ODS S372	Mountain Studies: Philosophy, Literature, and Practice	4
ODS S373	Ocean Studies: Images of the Environment	4
<i>Related academic courses</i>		
Select six credits of the following:		6
ENGL S303	Literature and the Environment	
HUM S360	Alaska: A Contested Geography	
HUM S370	Sport, Leisure, and Culture	
PHIL S371	Perspectives on the Natural World	
Select 10 credits of the following:		10
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	Expedition Sea Kayaking ¹

¹ May be repeated for up to 3 credits.