

Degree: Associate of Arts
Outdoor Recreation

Certificates

Outdoor Recreation Leadership with an
Emphases in:

- Winter Skills Specialist**
- Water-based Skills Specialist**
- Mountaineering Skills Specialist**
- Outdoor Recreation Generalist**

AA Degree

Outdoor Recreation

The associate of arts degree with an emphasis in outdoor recreation is also designed as a stand-alone program to allow you to enter a career as an outdoor educator, recreation specialist, or in one of many careers in the outdoor industry.

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Required Courses	Credits
PER 128 Intro to Recreation	2
PER 252 Principles of Outdoor Recreation	3
PER 253 Outdoor Leadership	2
PER 165 Wilderness Survival Skills	3
PER 237 Paddle Sports	2
CIS 118 Intro to PC Applications	3
HWE 129 Wilderness First Responder or HPR 125 Outdoor Emergency	4

General Education Courses (See AA Degree Requirements page 16)	35
Approved Electives	6
Total Credits	60

Certificate

Outdoor Recreation Leadership

By completing the Outdoor Recreation Leadership Certificate Program, you will have a well rounded outdoor education experience and a high degree of training specific to employment within the outdoor industry. Types of organizations that may employ graduates include alpine/cross country ski areas, flyfishing guide services, summer adventure camps, community nature centers and outdoor programs, whitewater river outfitters, outdoor equipment purveyors, and companies employing wilderness guides. In addition to field-based experiential learning of basic technical skills, you will be prepared to be a future outdoor trip leader by examining and developing the interpersonal skills needed for positions in outdoor leadership.

In order to complete the Outdoor Recreation Leadership Certificate, you must complete the following 20 credits and at least one (1) area of emphasis.

Required courses	Credits
PER 160 Wilderness Ethics	3
PER 162 Map and Compass (GPS)	3
PER 165 Wilderness Survival Skills	3
PER 128 Introduction to Recreation	2
PER 252 Principles of Outdoor Recreation	3
PER 253 Outdoor Leadership	2
HPR 125 Outdoor Emergency Care and CPR or HWE 129 Wilderness First Responder	4
Total Required Credits	20

Emphasis in:

Winter Skills Specialist

Outdoor Recreation Leadership Certificate 20
And select 7 credits from the following courses:

Courses	Credits
PER 157 Basic Mountaineering	3
PER 152 Avalanche Safety Level I	1
PER 166 Winter Wilderness Survival Skills	1
PER 168 Outdoor Equipment and Facilities	2
PER 132 Snowshoeing	1
PER 131 Nordic Skiing	2
PER 138 Introduction to Winter Sports	1
PER 156 Snow and Glacier Climbing	3
PER 280 Internship	3
Total Required Credits	27

Emphasis in:

Water-based Skills Specialist

Outdoor Recreation Leadership Certificate 20
And select 7 credits from the following courses:

Courses	Credits
PER 150 Water Safety Instructor	3
PER 128 Basic Sailing	1
PER 129 Scuba Diving	1
PER 151 Lifeguard Training	2
PER 153 Whitewater Rafting Guide	2
PER 207 Intermediate Whitewater Canoeing	1
PER 237 Paddle Sports	2
PER 280 Internship	3
Total Required Credits	27

Emphasis in:

Mountaineering Skills Specialist

Outdoor Recreation Leadership Certificate 20

And select 10 credits from the following courses:

Courses		Credits
PED 150	Rock Climbing I	2
PED 151	Rock Climbing II	2
PED 154	Backpacking	2
PED 155	Outdoor Expedition	3
PED 156	Snow and Glacier Climbing	3
PED 157	Basic Mountaineering	3
PED 159	Colorado's Fourteeners	2
PED 166	Winter Wilderness Survival Skills	2
PER 256	Mountaineering Teaching Concepts	3
PED 280	Internship	3
Total Required Credits		30

Emphasis in:

Outdoor Recreation Generalist

Outdoor Recreation Leadership Certificate 20

You can design your own course of study by choosing at least four credits from each of the three programs of emphasis above, 12 credits in addition to the required **Outdoor Recreation Leadership Certificate** courses. Students completing this program emphasis can expect a well-rounded outdoor recreation experience and training in various aspects of outdoor recreation and leadership competencies.

Total Required Credits 32