

## OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

### Outdoor Leadership

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

#### FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION

The COCC outdoor leadership program is grounded in the principles of lifelong learning, environmental stewardship, personal growth and leadership. The program emphasizes experiential methodologies to combine theory and practice in a strong field-based curriculum. Students will develop current and accepted skills, understand comprehensive knowledge and standards in the professional field, while being taught by highly skilled and knowledgeable faculty who exemplify the highest level of standards, integrity and ethics.

The general area of outdoor leadership includes specific careers in outdoor recreation, outdoor education, wilderness therapy and tourism and leisure enterprises. A student can earn an AAOT or AS degree with a focus in outdoor leadership at COCC to prepare to transfer to a baccalaureate institution to pursue a higher degree in any one of the areas mentioned above.

#### PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

None

#### PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

##### Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

#### PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

##### General Education/Foundational

##### Health

3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix <sup>1</sup> 3

##### Mathematics

MTH 105 Math in Society (or higher) 4

#### Oral Communication

Choose one course from the following: 3-4

SP 111	Fundamentals Public Speaking	
SP 114	Argumentation & Discourse	
SP 115	Intro Intercultural Commun	
SP 218	Interpersonal Communication	
SP 219	Small Group Communication	

#### Writing

WR 121	Academic Composition	4
WR 122	Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition	4
or WR 227	Technical Writing	

#### General Education/Discipline Studies

One course must be designated as Cultural Literacy.

#### Arts and Letters

Choose at least three courses from at least two prefixes 9-12

#### Social Science

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes 12-16

#### Science/Math/Computer Science

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science 12-20

#### Electives

Choose enough elective credits to reach a minimum 39

total of 90 overall degree credit\*

Recommend: FOR 240A, FOR 251, FOR 255, GEOG 212, OL 111, OL 171, OL 194AA, OL 207, OL 244, OL 255, OL 263, OL 271, OL 273, OL 280, OL 294AC, OL 294CA, OL 294MB, OL 294RC, OL 294WG

**Total Credits 90-106**

<sup>1</sup> HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

<sup>2</sup> Elective courses must be numbered 100 or above and can be any combination of general electives, Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses (12 credits maximum) or CWE/HHP activity courses (15 credits maximum).

#### ADVISING NOTES

The OL program models a cohort program, whereby students complete a set of courses each term with a single peer group. It is advised that students complete as much of their general education requirements prior to beginning their OL courses.

Students begin their OL work in the Fall, completing a set of introductory/fundamental courses. Fall is particularly special as students attend class for the entirety of the term, in an outdoor classroom, every day of the week and complete an 8 day expedition in November. Once students begin in the Fall, they complete a prescribed set of courses in both the following Winter and Spring terms. During Winter term, students work on advanced theory and application courses, gaining more extensive understanding about the practices of professional outdoor leaders. Finally, in Spring, students complete advanced skills courses, aimed at developing students' practice of professional standards within specific activities.

First year completion requirements for enrollment into the second year level include: completion of the OL prefix courses (OL 271 Facilitating Group Experiences, OL 273 Outdoor Recreation Leadership, OL 280 Co-op Work Experience-OL, OL 294 guide courses) with a grade of "C" or better; completion of a minimum of 36 college credits made up, in part, by the above courses, appropriate prerequisites. See advisor for details.