

OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree
90 credits

The COCC Outdoor Leadership program is a premiere provider of associate's level preparation in outdoor leadership and 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.

The Associate of Arts Transfer (AAOT) degree meets the state of Oregon transfer degree requirements, allowing students to transfer to an Oregon public university and some out-of-state universities having met all lower-division general education requirements. With appropriate course planning, lower-division major requirements may also be met. Students should work closely with an advisor to select the best degree option and to review specific transfer requirements.

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.

Students should check with each school to ensure that the latest transfer information is used when designing their program.

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

GENERAL EDUCATION/FOUNDATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Writing

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

Oral Communication

SP 111 or SP 114 or SP 115 or SP 218 or SP 219	Fundamentals of Public Speaking Argumentation and Critical Discourse Introduction to Intercultural Communication Interpersonal Communication Small Group Communication	3-4
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Mathematics

MTH 105 (or higher)	Math in Society	4
Recommend:		
MTH 111	College Algebra	

Health (3 credits with HHP prefix)	3
HHP activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated	

GENERAL EDUCATION/DISCIPLINE STUDIES

See the Discipline Studies list for options. One of the courses must be designated on the list as a cultural literacy course.

Arts and Letters	9-12
At least three (3) courses from at least two (2) prefixes.	

Social Science	12-16
At least four (4) courses from at least two (2) prefixes.	

Science/Math/Computer Science	12-20
At least four (4) courses from at least two (2) prefixes including at least three (3) laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science.	

ELECTIVES

Choose enough elective credits to reach a minimum total of 90 overall degree credits. 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 performance courses (15 credits maximum). The following courses are recommended:

FOR 240A	Forest Ecology	3
FOR 251	Recreational Resource Management	3
GEOG 212	Tourism and Recreation	3
OL 111	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership	3
OL 171	Technical Skills for Outdoor Leaders	2
OL 207	Seminar in Outdoor Leadership	2
OL 244	Psychology of Risk and Adventure	3
OL 255	Outdoor Living Skills	5
OL 263	Basic Wilderness Life Support	5
OL 271*	Facilitating Group Experiences	5
OL 273*	Outdoor Recreation Leadership	5
Choose one of the following:		
FOR 255	Resource Interpretation	3
OL 294AC	Alpine Climbing	3
OL 294CA	Canoe Instruction & Guiding	3
OL 294MB	Mountain Bike Guiding	3
OL 294RC	Teaching Rock Climbing	3
OL 294WG	Whitewater Raft Guiding	3

ADVISING NOTES

* First year completion requirements for enrollment into the second year level include: completion of the OL prefix 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 prerequisite requirements below). See advisor for details.

Outdoor Leadership Course Prerequisites:

Course	Prerequisite
OL 111	WR 065
OL 271	OL 111, OL 263, OL 255, WR 121
OL 273	OL 111, OL 263, OL 255, WR 121
OL 294WG	OL 271, OL 273, OL 171
OL 294RC	OL 271, OL 273, OL 171
OL 294CA	OL 271, OL 273
OL 294MB	OL 271, OL 273
OL 294AC	OL 171, OL 271, OL 273

Lab fees may be assessed at time of registration for certain OL courses pending approval by the College Affairs Committee

- \$23 for HHP 295 or HHP 252A
- \$20 for all HHP 185 courses for Mazama user fee
- \$5 for OL 271