

Outdoor Leadership (OSU Transfer)

Emphasis AS

Associate of Science

FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION

This associate of science degree is designed specifically for transfer to OSU-Cascades and their Tourism and Outdoor Leadership bachelor's degree program. 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.

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

Baccalaureate Core

HP 295	Health and Fitness	3
Choose one course from the Mathematics list ¹		
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
WR 122	Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition	4
SP 111	Fundamentals Public Speaking	4

Perspectives Courses^{1,2}

Choose one course from each of the following categories:

Physical Science ¹	4-5
Biological Science ¹	4-5
Physical or Biological Science ¹	4-5
Western Culture ¹	3-4
Cultural Diversity ¹	4
Literature and the Arts ¹	3-4
Social Processes and Institutions ¹	3-4
Difference, Power and Discrimination ¹	4

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

BA 101	Intro to Business	4
FOR 255	Resource Interpretation	3
OL 111	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership	3
OL 171	Technical Skills for Outdoor Leadership	2
OL 207	Seminar in Outdoor Leadership	2
OL 244	Psych. of Risk & 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
OL 280	Co-op Work Experience-OL	2
Choose one guide course from the following list:		
OL 294AC	Alpine Climbing	3
OL 294CA	Canoe Instructing and Guiding	
OL 294MB	Mountain Bike Guiding	
OL 294RC	Teaching Rock Climbing	
OL 294WG	Whitewater Raft Guiding	

Electives

4

Choose enough elective credits to reach a minimum of 94 overall degree credits³

Total Credits 94-100

¹ Select from the appropriate category in the OSU Baccalaureate Core course list in the COCC catalog.

² No more than two courses (or lecture/lab combinations) from any one department may be used by a student to satisfy the Perspectives category of the core. GEO courses listed under Physical Science are considered to be from a different department than GEO courses listed under any other Perspective category.

³ Elective courses must be numbered 100 or above and can be any combination of general elective, Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses (12 credits maximum) or CWE/HHP activity classes (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, everyday 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 course) 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.