Minor in Outdoor Education and Leadership

2023-2024

The Recreation and Leisure Services Program offers a 19-credit hour minor in Outdoor Education and Leadership. This minor is designed for students with career interests in outdoor leadership within a variety of settings. This minor is also designed for students interested in personal and/or leadership development that is transferable to any field. Courses and field experiences are intended to provide an introductory and foundational set of skills and abilities required of outdoor leaders who serve in assistant or entry-level roles in the delivery and oversight of outdoor education and adventure experiences.

The Outdoor Education and Leadership minor requires a minimum of 19 semester hours:

FOUNDATIONS (9 credit hours)
- RLS 3301 Theory and Practice of Outdoor Adventure Programs (Spring only)
- RLS 4301 Outdoor Education (Fall only)
- RLS 4331 Meaning, Culture and Philosophy of American Landscape (Spring Only)

CERTIFICATIONS/LEADERSHIP (10 credit hours from the following)
- RLS 2201 Adventure Recreation Leadership and Challenge Course Facilitation (Fall only)
- RLS 2202 Climbing Wall Certification
- RLS 3303 Outdoor Adventure Certifications
- RLS 4V13 Recreation and Leisure Services Field School
- RLS 3396 Field Laboratory in Leisure Services
- RLS 4V94 Internship in Leisure Services

Courses are organized around each of the competency areas outlined by the Accreditation Manual of the Wilderness Education Association which include: Outdoor Living, Education, Leadership, Environmental Integration, Planning & Logistics, and Risk Management

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