

OUTDOOR EDUCATION MAJOR (B.S.)

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Description

The outdoor education major is an accredited, award-winning, internationally recognized program preparing students for careers in outdoor education, adventure programming, wilderness therapy, and other educational/organizational settings. In addition to providing rich course content, this interdisciplinary program gives ample opportunity for practical application and field experience in the New Hampshire seacoast and White Mountains areas. Students must earn a grade of C (2.0) or better in every major course. In addition, they must complete 100 days of documented leadership experience prior to beginning a required internship. Interested students should contact the program coordinator, Nate Fitch, nate.fitch@unh.edu.

Students in outdoor education complete KIN 650B Internship in Outdoor Education as the capstone course for the option. This course integrates the knowledge and skills learned in all previous option courses and experiences into practical applications students will use as they prepare to enter the profession. Students complete their internships at regional and national organizations upon completion of all other courses and prerequisites.

Requirements

Major Requirements

KIN 540	Top Rope Rock Climbing	4
KIN 541	Management of Challenge Courses	4
KIN 543	Winter Adventure Programming	2-4
or KIN 548	Winter Expedition Programming	
KIN 550	Outdoor Education Philosophy and Methods	4
KIN 551	Adventure Programming: Backcountry Based Experiences	4
KIN 552	Adventure Programming: Water Based Experiences	3
KIN 681	Theory of Adventure Education	4
KIN 682	Outdoor Leadership	4
KIN 686	Wilderness Emergency Medical Care	4
KIN 687	Leadership Practicum	4
KIN 786	Organization and Administration of Outdoor Education Programs	4
KIN 650B	Internship in Outdoor Education ²	2-8
Select one of the following:		4
ENGL 501	Introduction to Creative Nonfiction	
ENGL 502	Professional and Technical Writing	
ENGL 503	Persuasive Writing	

Elective Courses

Select at least one of the following:		2-4
KIN 539	Artificial Climbing Wall Management	
KIN 542	Sea Kayaking	
KIN 545	High Angle Rescue	
KIN 546	White Water Canoeing	

KIN 547	Lead Rock Climbing
KIN 549	Wilderness Navigation
KIN 693	Teaching Assistantship
KIN 782	Therapeutic Applications of Adventure Programming
KIN 798	Special Topics

Cognate Requirement

Select 16 credits - related core of courses ¹	16
Total Credits	65-75

- Core of courses emphasizing the particular area or population in outdoor education of interest to student, e.g., business, education, psychology, social work (selected with the assistance of an adviser).
- Proof of 100 days of leadership experience is required prior to taking this course.

Degree Plan

Suggested Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing	4
KIN 540	Top Rope Rock Climbing (Fall only)	4
KIN 551	Adventure Programming: Backcountry Based Experiences	4
or PAWS Pre-Orientation Experience		
Discovery Course		4
Credits		16
Spring		
KIN 552	Adventure Programming: Water Based Experiences	3
KIN Outdoor Education Elective ¹		4
Discovery Course		4
Discovery Course		4
Discovery Course		4
Credits		19
Second Year		
Fall		
KIN 541	Management of Challenge Courses	4
KIN 550	Outdoor Education Philosophy and Methods	4
KIN 686	Wilderness Emergency Medical Care (Fall only)	4
Outdoor Education Elective ¹		4
Credits		16
January Term		
KIN 686	Wilderness Emergency Medical Care	4
Credits		4
Spring		
KIN 541	Management of Challenge Courses	4
Choose One:		2-4
KIN 543	Winter Adventure Programming (2 CR, Spring)	

KIN 548	Winter Expedition Programming (4 CR, Spring)	
Choose One:		4
ENGL 501	Introduction to Creative Nonfiction	
ENGL 502	Professional and Technical Writing	
ENGL 503	Persuasive Writing	
Discovery Course		
Discovery Course		4
Credits		14-16
Third Year		
Fall		
KIN 682	Outdoor Leadership	4
Choose One:		4
ENGL 501	Introduction to Creative Nonfiction	
ENGL 502	Professional and Technical Writing	
ENGL 503	Persuasive Writing	
Discovery Course		
Discovery Course		4
Minor or Elective		4
Credits		16
Spring		
KIN 681	Theory of Adventure Education	4
KIN 682	Outdoor Leadership	4
Minor or Elective		4
Minor or Elective		4
Credits		16
Fourth Year		
Fall		
KIN 687	Leadership Practicum	4
Minor or Elective		4
Minor or Elective		4
Minor or Elective		4
Credits		16
Spring		
KIN 786	Organization and Administration of Outdoor Education Programs (Spring only)	4
Minor or Elective		4
Minor or Elective		4
Minor or Elective		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		133-135

² May take ENGL 501 Introduction to Creative Nonfiction, ENGL 502 Professional and Technical Writing, ENGL 503 Persuasive Writing, or a Discovery Course.

³ **Internship**

The final requirement for a degree in Outdoor Education is the completion of KIN 650B Internship in Outdoor Education, which is an internship that is a minimum of 400 hours in duration. Students will typically complete this requirement after their final semester. We encourage students to seek paid professional positions to fulfill this final requirement. Often, students' internships lead directly to full-time jobs with their host organizations.

¹ KIN Outdoor Education Electives:
 KIN 542 Sea Kayaking: Sea Kayaking (2 CR)
 KIN 546 White Water Canoeing: Whitewater Canoeing (2 CR)
 KIN 547 Lead Rock Climbing: Lead Rock Climbing (2 CR)
 KIN 545 High Angle Rescue: High Angle Rescue (2 CR)
 KIN 782 Therapeutic Applications of Adventure Programming: Therapeutic Applications of Adventure (4 CR)
 KIN 549 Wilderness Navigation: Wilderness Navigation (4 CR)
 KIN 693 Teaching Assistantship: Teaching Assistantship (2 CR)
 KIN 798 Special Topics: Special Topics (varied Credit)