OUTDOOR EDUCATION MAJOR (B.S.)

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

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Cognate Requirement

Select 16 credits - related core of courses

Total Credits: 65-75

1 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).

2 Proof of 100 days of leadership experience is required prior to taking this course.

Degree Plan

Suggested Course Sequence

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**Total Credits:** 133-135

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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:

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.