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 50 days of documented leadership experience prior to beginning a required internship. Interested students should contact the undergraduate coordinator, Nate Fitch, nate.fitch@unh.edu.

Students in outdoor education complete KIN 650B Internship in Outdoor Education as the capstone course for the major. This course integrates the knowledge and skills learned in all previous major 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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Select one of the following:

- 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:

- KIN 539 Artificial Climbing Wall Management

Degree Plan

Suggested Course Sequence

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Credits 16

Spring

- KIN 552 Adventure Programming: Water Based Experiences 3
- Outdoor Education Elective 1

Credits 7

Second Year

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Spring

- Choose One:

  - KIN 543 Winter Adventure Programming (2 CR, Spring) 2-4

1. Participation in one of UNH’s pre-orientation programs (CONNECT, PAWS, PROVES, Marine Immersion, etc.) is a recommended experience when taking KIN 444C in the fall semester.
2. Proof of 50 days of leadership experience is required prior to taking this course.
3. 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).
KIN 548  Winter Expedition Programming (4 CR, Spring)  
Outdoor Education Elective  1  2-4  

Credits  4-8  

Third Year  

Fall  
KIN 682  Experiential Teaching and Leadership  4  
Minor or Outdoor Education Elective  1  4  
Choose One:  

- ENGL 501  Introduction to Creative Nonfiction  
- ENGL 502  Professional and Technical Writing  
- ENGL 503  Persuasive Writing  

Credits  12  

Spring  
KIN 681  Theory of Adventure Education  4  
KIN 687  Career and Professional Development Practicum  4  
Minor or Outdoor Education Elective  1  4-8  

Credits  12-16  

Fourth Year  

Fall  
KIN 682  Experiential Teaching and Leadership  4  
Minor or Outdoor Education Elective  1  4-8  

Credits  8-12  

Spring  
KIN 786  Organization and Administration of Outdoor Education Programs (Spring only)  4  
Minor or Outdoor Education Elective  1  4-8  

Credits  8-12  

Total Credits  83-99  

1  Outdoor Education Electives:  
- KIN 539 Artificial Climbing Wall Management (2 CR)  
- KIN 542 Sea Kayaking (2 CR)  
- KIN 545 High Angle Rescue (2 CR)  
- KIN 546 White Water Canoeing (2 CR)  
- KIN 547 Lead Rock Climbing (2 CR)  
- KIN 545 High Angle Rescue (2 CR)  
- KIN 782 Therapeutic Applications of Adventure Programming (4 CR)  
- KIN 549 Wilderness Navigation (4 CR)  
- KIN 693 Teaching Assistantship (2 CR)  
- KIN 798 Special Topics (varied Credit)  

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.