UNH’s Outdoor Leadership and Management (OLM) Program is designed for students who want to study and work in outdoor programs, parks, and public or commercial recreation settings. Our graduates are guides, leaders, directors, and managers of agencies that provide healthy outdoor activities for people across their lifespan. Our curriculum combines experiential learning in urban, rural, and backcountry landscapes with a classic liberal arts education. You’ll gain a solid foundation in the theories, philosophies, and methods of outdoor recreation leadership and management while gaining skills in outdoor activities, pursuits or disciplines such as climbing, canoeing, and backpacking. This program will prepare you for dynamic careers in outdoor education, adventure programming, outdoor recreation management, parks and protected areas management, youth and after-school programming, conservation, and other outdoor fields.

### Requirements

#### Degree Requirements

**Minimum Credit Requirement:** 128 credits

**Minimum Residency Requirement:** 32 credits must be taken at UNH

**Minimum GPA:** 2.0 required for conferral

**Core Curriculum Required:** Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

**Foreign Language Requirement:** No

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

#### Major Requirements

**Outdoor Leadership and Management Option Course Requirements**

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**Leadership or Management course - select one of the following:**

- OUT 682 Experiential Teaching & Leadership
- RMP 661 Leadership in Recreation Services
- RMP 670 Venue Management Design & Operations

**Field Leadership - select at least 2 of the following:**

- OUT 540 Top Rope Rock Climbing
- OUT 551 Adventure Programming: Backcountry Based Experience
- OUT 552 Adventure Programming: Water Based Experiences

**Electives - minimum 6 credits**

- Field Leadership course (OUT 540, OUT 551, OUT 552 not selected above can be selected as an Elective)
- OUT 539 Artificial Climbing Wall Management
- OUT 541 Management of Challenge Courses
- OUT 542 Sea Kayaking
- OUT 543 Winter Adventure Programming
- OUT 545 High Angle Rescue
- OUT 546 Whitewater Canoeing
- OUT 547 Lead Rock Climbing
- OUT 549 Wilderness Navigation
- RMP 603 New Hampshire Ski Industry Management
- RMP 663 Management and Finance in the Experience Industry
- RMP 668 Youth Culture and Programs
- RMP 775 Entrepreneurial and Commercial Recreation

**LAP 500 Level Courses - Select 2 courses (with outdoor discipline)**

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**Professional Internship**

A supervised internship (RMP 764) is required of all majors and serves as their major capstone requirement. The internship is designed to create a bridge between theory and practical application. Students, working with their advisers and the internship coordinator, select an appropriate setting based on their professional and career interests. They must register for an 8 credit or 12 credit, 400 hour internship that is under the supervision of a qualified professional. Specific requirements are identified in the Internship Manual available from the Department of Recreation Management and Policy.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

- Students will know and demonstrate the nature and scope of the outdoor industry, including outdoor education, adventure leadership, and parks and protected-areas management.
- Students will know and demonstrate the techniques and processes used by professionals and staff in the outdoor industry.
- Students will know and demonstrate the foundation of the outdoor industry in history, science, and philosophy.
- Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to design, implement, and evaluate services that facilitate targeted human experiences and that embrace personal and cultural dimensions of diversity in outdoor settings.
- Students will demonstrate entry-level knowledge about operations, strategic management, and administration in the outdoor industry.
- Students will demonstrate the potential to succeed as professionals at supervisory or higher levels in the outdoor industry through participation in structured practicum and internship experiences.