



Introduction to Outdoor Skills – ATBO 123

Adventure Tourism Business Operations Program

Course Outline

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Pre 1998
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2019
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE: April 2024

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces the student to the core outdoor skills required of guides in the adventure tourism industry. In this course, students learn how to look after themselves and their clients in a wilderness setting. Basic outdoor living skills such as knot tying, knife safety, shelter building, campsite set up, fire building, camp stove use, camp hygiene meal planning, maps and navigation, water treatment, and animal safety will be covered. These skills significantly add to the tool kit of anyone who spends ample amounts of time in the wilderness, or who is interested in a career as a guide in the adventure tourism industry.

Program Information: This course is a required course of the Adventure Tourism Business Operations Certificate or Diploma program. It is typically taken in the first year of ATBO studies.

Delivery: This course is delivered face-to-face, through experiential education methodology.

COTR Credits: 2

Hours for this course: 40 hours

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	12
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	
Practicum / Field Experience Hours	28
Other Contact Hours	
Total	40

Practicum Hours (if applicable):

Type of Practicum	Duration
On-the-job Experience	N/A
Formal Work Experience	N/A
Other	N/A
Total	

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Valid from: September 2019 – April 2024

Education Council Approval Date

COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Flexible Assessment (FA):

Credit can be awarded for this course through FA Yes No

Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

Transfer Credit: For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

Students should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

Prior Course Number: N/A

Textbooks and Required Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Required: Field Logbook (4.5" X 7" Rite-in-the-Rain logbooks are best for field use)

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator

<http://go.cotr.bc.ca/tuition/tCalc.asp> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- Keep themselves warm and dry in inclement weather in the outdoors;
 - Set up an effective and comfortable camp;
 - Be proficient at fire lighting and camp stove use, and be able to use fire safely in the outdoors;
 - To provide themselves with appropriate food and water to maintain in the outdoor setting;
 - Use terrain identification and map and compass skills to orient themselves in the outdoors; and
 - Practice Leave No Trace (LNT) standards in the outdoors.
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COURSE TOPICS:

- leadership and professionalism in the outdoors
- maps, navigation and route planning
- low impact camping – Leave No Trace ethics
- camp set up (tents, tarps, bivvys, emergency shelters)
- back country food (preparation, planning, storage, camp stove use)
- outdoor skills (fire building, knot tying, knife use)
- animal awareness
- emergency communications in the outdoors
- 3 season and winter camping

See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT:

Assignments	% Of Total Grade
Technical and Safety Skills	50%
Movement Skills	20%
Leadership skills	<u>30%</u>
Total	100%

Please see the instructor's syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments and use of electronic aids.

EXAM POLICY:

Students must attend all required scheduled exams that make up a final grade at the appointed time and place.

Individual instructors may accommodate for illness or personal crisis. Additional accommodation will not be made unless a written request is sent to and approved by the appropriate Department Head prior to the scheduled exam.

Any student who misses a scheduled exam without approval will be given a grade of "0" for the exam.

COURSE GRADE:

Course grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
Mark (Percent)	≥ 90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	< 50

A grade of "D" grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

ACADEMIC POLICIES:

See www.cotr.bc.ca/policies for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

COURSE CHANGES:

Information contained in course outlines is correct at the time of publication. Content of the courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will endeavour to provide notice of changes to students as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete material from courses.