



Sea Kayaking Level 1 - ATBO 133

Adventure Tourism Business Operation Program

Course Outline

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 2007
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2018
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE: April 2023

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introductory course designed to teach students the fundamental skills and knowledge of sea kayak guiding, and to improve sea kayak paddling technique. Emphasis is placed on navigation, rescue techniques, marine radio operation, and coastal natural interpretation. Client care, risk management knowledge, and safety awareness are also covered.

Program Information: This is a Level I Certification Course with the Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC. Successful students are certified as SKGABC Level 1 Guides. This course is an elective course of the Adventure Tourism Business Diploma programs. It is typically taken in the first year of ATBO studies.

Delivery: This course is delivered face to face.

COTR Credits: 2

Hours for this course: 80 hours

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	
Seminars / Tutorials	8
Laboratory / Studio Hours	
Practicum / Field Experience Hours	72
Other Contact Hours	
Total	80

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 2018 – April 2023

Education Council Approval Date

COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:

Prerequisites: ATBO 105

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:

Suggested Reading: Chart #3463 1:40,000 *Straight of Georgia South* and
: Volume 5 – Juan De Fuca Strait & Strait of Georgia Tide and Current Tables;
by Canadian Hydrographic Service

See Kayak Guides Alliance of BC Technical Guides Manual (available at COTR Golden Campus, or directly from www.skgabc.com)

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator http://www.cotr.bc.ca/bookstore/cotr_web.asp?IDNumber=164 for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

- speak knowledgeably about all aspects of sea kayaking gear and equipment;
 - demonstrate and teach to others a variety of self and assisted rescue techniques using a variety of sea kayak rescue equipment;
 - be competent at navigating in the coastal environment using charts, compass, tide tables and other navigational equipment;
 - plot course bearings from a chart, and be able to follow those bearings on the water;
 - have a good understanding of west coast weather patterns, and the conditions that lead to deteriorating or improving weather forecasts;
 - learn efficient paddling techniques for sea kayaking, and become comfortable paddling in tidal rapids and class 2 coastal waters;
 - plan and implement commercial sea kayaking trips, recognizing the hazards and current and forecasted sea conditions; and
 - explain the leadership requirements and decision making skills necessary for safe group travel in the coastal environment.
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COURSE TOPICS:

Movement skills

- Kayak paddle strokes
- Kayak boat handling techniques
- Kayak rescue techniques

Technical and Safety Skills

- Navigation – chart and compass
- Tide and current flow predictions
- Marine weather
- Emergency communication

Leadership Skills

- Judgement and decision making
- Client care
- Trip preparation
- Environmental impact awareness

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

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT:

Competency Based Skills Evaluation	% Of Total Grade
SKGABC required skills	70%
SKGABC Theory Exam	<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.