



## Sea Kayaking Level 2 - ATBO 233

### Adventure Tourism Business Operations Program

### Course Outline

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

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#### GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This level 2 sea kayak guide training course exposes the student to the techniques and theory of ocean kayaking, equipment care and use, route selection, navigation, self rescue techniques, coastal kayaking hazard awareness, group management, tour guiding, and leadership. Coastal environment natural history topics are presented. Students learn ecologically sound ocean kayaking and camping techniques.

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**Program Information:** This is run as an examination course for the SKGABC AOG Certification course. Students meeting the certification criteria become certified as Assistant Overnight Guides (AOG) with The SKGABC (Sea kayak Guides Alliance of BC). This course is an elective course of the Adventure Tourism Business Diploma program. It is typically taken in the second year of ATBO studies.

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**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	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	
Practicum / Field Experience Hours	80
Other Contact Hours	
<b>Total</b>	80

#### Practicum Hours (if applicable):

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

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Valid from: September 2018 – April 2023

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Education Council Approval Date

**COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:**

**Prerequisites:** ATBO 133

**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:**

Nautical Chart, 1:40,000 Clayquot Sound #3673

Volume 6 – Discovery Passage & West Coast of Vancouver Island Tide and Current Tables; by  
The Canadian Hydrographic Service

*Sea Kayaking Guides Alliance of BC Technical Guides Manual.* (available at COTR Golden  
Campus, or directly from [www.skgabc.com](http://www.skgabc.com))

*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.

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## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

- apply judgement and decision making in the coastal environment;
  - pilot using charts, compass, tide and current tables;
  - interpret, recognize and apply weather information;
  - create a route plan with contingency options;
  - use and maintain personal and group equipment;
  - control an ocean kayak using appropriate strokes;
  - demonstrate group management on water and land;
  - employ minimum impact camping and travel techniques;
  - perform controlled launching and landing in surf;
  - demonstrate familiarity with emergency communications and planning;
  - demonstrate a variety of assisted and solo recovery and rescue techniques;
  - identify a variety of shore and marine life; and
  - achieve certification as an Assistant Guide with The Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC.
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## COURSE TOPICS:

### **Movement skills**

- Kayak paddling skills
- Open coastal and surf zone skills
- Kayak rescues

### **Technical and safety skills**

- Equipment
- Navigation
- Communication
- Weather assessment

### Leadership Skills

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

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

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### EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT:

Competency Based Skill 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### ACADEMIC POLICIES:

See [www.cotr.bc.ca/policies](http://www.cotr.bc.ca/policies) for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

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**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.