

# OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OREGON TRANSFER (AAOT)

## Description

The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer with a focus in outdoor leadership prepares students to transfer to a baccalaureate institution. Outdoor leadership includes careers in outdoor recreation, outdoor education, wilderness therapy, and tourism and leisure enterprises.

The Outdoor Leadership program is grounded in the principles of lifelong learning, environmental stewardship, personal growth, and leadership. This degree emphasizes experiential methodologies to combine theory and practice in a strong, field-based curriculum. Students will develop current and accepted skills and will understand comprehensive knowledge and standards. Highly skilled and knowledgeable faculty exemplify the highest level of standards, integrity, and ethics.

The College offers two other options: Associate of Science with an outdoor leadership emphasis, designed for transfer to OSU-Cascades; Outdoor Leadership One-Year Certificate of Completion, designed for those who want a career and technical education award.

## Statewide General Education Student Learning Outcomes

Please see the [General Education page](#) for statewide general education student learning outcomes.

## Entrance Requirements

While this degree has no formal entrance requirements, individual courses may have prerequisites which must be met before enrollment.

## Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>General Education/Foundational</b>		
<u>Health:</u>		
Choose 3 credits <sup>1</sup>		3
<u>Mathematics:</u>		
Choose one course		4
<u>Oral Communication:</u>		
Choose one course		3-4
<u>Writing:</u>		
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
or WR 227Z	Technical Writing	
<b>General Education/Discipline studies</b>		
<u>Cultural Literacy:</u>		
One course from the following categories must be designated as cultural literacy on the Discipline Studies list (credits count once).		
<u>Arts and Letters:</u>		
Choose three courses from at least two prefixes		9-12
<u>Social Science:</u>		
Choose four courses from at least two prefixes		12-16
<u>Science/Math/Computer Science:</u>		

Choose four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science 12-20

### Electives

Choose any course numbered 100 or above that brings the total credits to 90 quarter hours. This may include up to 12 credits of Career and Technical Education courses designated by COCC as acceptable. <sup>2</sup> 39

FOR 255	Resource Interpretation
OL 111	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership
OL 171	Technical Skills for Outdoor Leadership
OL 207	Seminar in Outdoor Leadership
OL 244	Psychology of Risk and Adventure
OL 253	Wilderness Advanced First Aid
OL 255	Outdoor Living Skills
OL 271	Facilitating Group Experiences
OL 273	Outdoor Recreation Leadership
OL 280	Co-op Work Experience-OL
OL 294AC	Alpine Climbing
OL 294CA	Canoe Program Instruction and Guiding
OL 294MB	Mountain Bike Guiding and Trail Stewardship
OL 294RC	Teaching Rock Climbing
OL 294WG	Whitewater Raft Guiding

**Total Credits** **90-106**

<sup>1</sup> HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

<sup>2</sup> Elective courses must be numbered 100 or above and can be any combination of general electives, Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses (12 credits maximum) or CWE/HHPA activity courses (15 credits maximum).

## Advising Notes

The Outdoor Leadership (OL) program is a cohort where students complete courses each term with a single peer group. Before taking OL courses, students should complete as much of their general education requirements as possible.

Students begin introductory/fundamental OL courses in Fall term. This is a particularly special time as students attend courses in an outdoor classroom daily for the entire term and complete two five-day expeditions during the term. After Fall term, students complete prescribed courses in Winter and Spring terms. During Winter term, students work on advanced theory and application courses and gain more extensive understanding about the practices of professional outdoor leaders. Students complete another five-day expedition during Winter term. In Spring term, students complete advanced skills courses aimed at developing practice of professional standards within specific activities.

First-year completion requirements for enrollment into second-year include: completion of the OL-prefix courses (OL 271 Facilitating Group Experiences, OL 273 Outdoor Recreation Leadership, OL 280 Co-op Work Experience-OL) with a grade of C or higher; completion of a minimum of

36 college credits made up, in part, by the above courses and appropriate prerequisites. See advisor for details.

## Performance Standards

- Academic Requirements:
  - Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
  - All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Elective (recommend OL 244)	3
Elective (recommend OL 280)	2
Elective (recommend FOR 255)	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>17-19</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>90-106</b>

## Sample Plan

First Term		Credits
Health (3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix)		3
Mathematics:		4
Oral Communication:		3-4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14-15</b>
Second Term		
Discipline Studies Arts and Letters		3-4
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science		3-5
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science		3-5
Discipline Studies Social Science		3-4
WR 122Z or WR 227Z	Composition II or Technical Writing	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16-22</b>
Third Term		
Discipline Studies Arts and Letters		3-4
Discipline Studies Arts and Letters		3-4
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science		3-5
Discipline Studies Social Science		3-4
Discipline Studies Social Science		3-4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-21</b>
Fourth Term		
Elective (recommend OL 111)		3
Elective (recommend OL 171)		2
Elective (recommend OL 255)		5
Elective (recommend OL 253)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
Fifth Term		
Discipline Studies Social Science		3-4
Elective (recommend OL 207)		2
Elective (recommend OL 271)		5
Elective (recommend OL 273)		5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-16</b>
Sixth Term		
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science		3-5
Electives (recommend two of the following):		6
OL 294AC	Alpine Climbing	
OL 294CA	Canoe Program Instruction and Guiding	
OL 294MB	Mountain Bike Guiding and Trail Stewardship	
OL 294RC	Teaching Rock Climbing	
OL 294WG	Whitewater Raft Guiding	