Associate of Applied Science in Outdoor Leadership

This program is delivered only through Prince William Sound College.

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Outdoor Leadership prepares students to work in dynamic tourism, outdoor education and recreation. It is focused on teaching readiness for leadership, the benefits of outdoor recreation, the evaluation and mitigation of risk, technical backcountry skills, and expedition planning.

Admission Requirements
- Complete the Admission Requirements for Associate Degrees. (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/)

Special Considerations
Students may need to rent or purchase additional equipment for courses. Many courses in the program are conducted outdoors in extremely cold and/or inclement weather conditions with significant physical demands.

Graduation Requirements
- Complete the General University Requirements for Associate Degrees. (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements/)
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees. (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements/generaleducationrequirements/)
- Complete the following major requirements:

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Science Core 3-4

Electives 12
- Complete a minimum of 12 credits from the following. Students may substitute other courses with advisor approval for up to 8 credits.
  - GIS A101 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
  - KIN A261 Recreation and Leisure in Modern Society
  - PER A146 Beginning Rock Climbing
  - PER A147 Beginning Ice Climbing
  - PER A150 Water Safety and Rescue
  - PER A152 Beginning River Rafting
  - PER A153 Beginning Sea Kayaking
  - PER A160 Beginning Cross-Country Ski: Classic Stride
  - PER A164 Skiing Alaska's Backcountry
  - PER A165 Avalanche Hazard Recognition and Evaluation
  - PER A168 Winter Camping Alaska
  - PER A171 Outdoor Adventure in Alaska
  - PER A173 Beginning Mountaineering
  - PER A181 Crevasse Rescue Techniques
  - PER A190 Selected Topics in Health, Physical Education and Recreation
  - PER A218 Avalanche Theory II
  - PER A253 Intermediate Sea Kayaking

Total 48-49

A minimum of 60 credits is required for the degree.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Associate of Applied Science in Outdoor Leadership will be able to:
  - Evaluate their personal readiness for leadership through reflection on the synthesis of their course experience and by communicating leadership behaviors verbally and in writing.
  - Explain the benefits of outdoor recreation for individual and community well-being.
  - Evaluate risks associated with outdoor activities and identify methods to reduce and/or mitigate those risks.
  - Demonstrate proficiency in technical backcountry skills necessary for outdoor recreation professionals in the student’s area of interest.
  - Demonstrate proficiency in event/trip/field excursion planning and hosting.