

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:

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
KIN A161	Wilderness First Responder	4
KIN A181	Introduction to Kinesiology	3
KIN A262	Foundations of Outdoor Recreation	3
KIN A264	Recreation Program Planning and Evaluation	3
KIN A266	Introduction to Safety and Risk	3
KIN A280	Leadership in Kinesiology	3
KIN A282	Leadership in Initiative Activities	2
KIN A287	Leadership in Outdoor Recreation Activities	2
KIN A295	Outdoor Leadership Internship	3
KIN A296	Capstone: Advanced Outdoor Leadership	4
PER A170	Backpack Alaska	3
Science Core		3-4

BIOL/GEOL A178 or BIOL A190 or ENVI A211	Introduction to Oceanography Biota of Alaska: Selected Topics Environmental Science: Systems and Processes
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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.