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 is a two-year degree program focused on teaching the skills needed to work in the dynamic tourism, outdoor education, recreation, and adventure film fields.

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 of Applied Science Degrees. (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements/generalrequirements/)
- 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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Total  48

A minimum of 60 credits is required for the degree.

Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Outdoor Leadership students will:

1. Evaluate their personal readiness for leadership through reflection on the synthesis of their course experience and by communicating leadership behaviors verbally and in writing
2. Explain the benefits of outdoor recreation for individual and community well-being
3. Evaluate risks associated with outdoor activities and identify methods to reduce and/or mitigate those risks
4. Demonstrate proficiency in technical backcountry skills necessary for outdoor recreation professionals in the student’s areas of interest
5. Demonstrate proficiency in event/trip/field excursion planning and hosting.

Complete a minimum of 19 credits from the following. Students may substitute other courses with advisor approval for up to 8 credits.

ENVI A211  Environmental Science: Systems and Processes
ENVI A211L  Environmental Science: Systems and Processes Laboratory
FLM A167  Introduction to the Study of Adventure Filmmaking
FLM A172  Previsualization and Preproduction
FLM A180  Digital Video Editing
FLM A298  Adventure Film Research
KIN A275  Media and Strategic Communication for Outdoor Professionals
PER A146  Beginning Rock Climbing
PER A147  Beginning Ice Climbing
PER A150  Water Safety and Rescue
PER A153  Beginning Sea Kayaking
PER A160  Beginning Cross-Country Ski: Diagonal Stride
PER A165  Avalanche Hazard Recognition and Evaluation
PER A168  Winter Camping 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

Total  19-20