

WILDERNESS EDUCATION

The Wilderness Education degree is designed to prepare students to become theoretically and technically competent wilderness specialists who can apply their skills as outdoor leaders to diverse groups and environments in a world with a growing population and finite wilderness resources. The curriculum provides a balanced foundation of all aspects of wilderness education/outdoor recreation. Students will gain basic competencies in outdoor-based activities, wilderness first aid skills, experiential educational theory, group dynamics, leadership theory and skills, and environmental awareness. There is emphasis on the integration of academic work and technical field skills. The completion of the major is appropriate for students who are outdoor-oriented as well as those students interested in a professional career as an outdoor guide, trip leader, ski patroller, search and rescue member and similar wilderness-related careers.

Student Learning Outcomes for this major are:

- Identify the many influences that have shaped wilderness education.
- Identify the management protocols for land use on the local, state, and national level.
- Employ a variety of experiential leadership styles to specific settings.
- Assess good judgment and safety in wilderness settings.
- Apply a working vocabulary and a skills-based knowledge in field-specific topics.
- Acquire technical and leadership skills that will assist the student in obtaining employment in a wilderness-related career.

A. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

See pages 55-57 for details.

B. REQUIRED COURSES

The following core courses are required of all Wilderness Education degree students.

All courses from the following (26 units):

WLD 100	Foundations of Recreation Land Management
WLD 101	Origins and Directions of Wilderness Education
WLD 104	Fundamentals of Outdoor Leadership
WLD 107B	Wilderness First Responder
WLD 112C	Map, Compass, and GPS
WLD 116	Mountain Weather
WLD 117A	Beginning Mountaineering
WLD 120A	Rock Climbing: Beginning
WLD 128B	AIARE 1 Avalanche
WLD 133	Occupational Work Experience (<i>min. 2 units</i>)
WLD 140A	Whitewater Rafting: Beginning
WLD 146A	Sea Kayaking: Beginning

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION: (Choose one option)

In addition to the required core courses listed above, students seeking an Wilderness Education degree must select a single area of concentration from the four listed. Students must complete all required courses within the single area of concentration selected.

1. WILDERNESS EDUCATION: CLIMBING

A minimum of 6 units selected from the following:

WLD 117B	Intermediate Mountaineering
WLD 119	Technical Rope Rescue
WLD 120B	Rock Climbing: Intermediate
WLD 120C	Rock Climbing: Advanced
WLD 120D	Rock Climbing Movement

TOTAL UNITS IN MAJOR (INCLUDING CORE): 32

2. WILDERNESS EDUCATION: SNOW SKILLS

A minimum of 6 units selected from the following:

WLD 125A	Backcountry Skiing
WLD 125B	Backcountry Skiing: Intermediate
WLD 125C	Backcountry Skiing: Advanced
WLD 126A	Backcountry Snowboarding
WLD 126B	Splitboarding: Beginning
WLD 126C	Multi-day Ski/Splitboard Touring
WLD 127A	Winter Survival
WLD 128C	AIARE 2 Avalanche

TOTAL UNITS IN MAJOR (INCLUDING CORE): 32

3. WILDERNESS EDUCATION: WATER SKILLS

A minimum of 6 units selected from the following:

WLD 140C	Whitewater Guide School
WLD 141A	Swiftwater Rescue
WLD 146B	Sea Kayaking: Camping
WLD 146C	Multi-Day Sea Kayaking
WLD 146E	Kayaking Lake Tahoe's Water Trail
WLD 147A	Kayaking Lake Tahoe's Water Trail: South Shore
WLD 147B	Kayaking Lake Tahoe's Water Trail: East Shore
WLD 147C	Kayaking Lake Tahoe's Water Trail: West Shore

TOTAL UNITS IN MAJOR (INCLUDING CORE): 32

4. WILDERNESS EDUCATION: SEARCH AND RESCUE

A minimum of 6 units selected from the following:

WLD 102	Introduction to Search and Rescue
WLD 112D	Tracking
WLD 112E	Search Theory
WLD 119	Technical Rope Rescue
WLD 128E	Avalanche Rescue
WLD 141A	Swiftwater Rescue

TOTAL UNITS IN MAJOR (INCLUDING CORE): 32

C. ELECTIVE UNITS to bring the total to 90