

Applied Risk Management and Backcountry Leadership

Degree Type
Concentration

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In a synthesis of traditional classroom and experiential learning, this program provides students with the core knowledge and skills to lead backcountry trips. Students in the program will gain an understanding of risk assessment, decision-making, minimizing impact, problem-solving, and caring backcountry leadership. As field-based training and experience are crucial in gaining a mastery of the requisite skills associated with backpacking, whitewater paddling, and rock craft, excursions to local rivers, trails, and climbing areas play a significant role in the program. Throughout the coursework, students will research, train, receive feedback, and reflect as they work to integrate the technical, interpersonal, and judgment skills vital to successful backcountry leadership.

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
CFOS 100	Foundations of Backcountry Leadership and Risk Management	3
CFOS 200	Introduction to Adventure Sports	3
	CFOS Electives (Choose Two)	6
CFOS 400	Capstone in Applied Risk Management and Backcountry Leadership	3
	Total Credits	15

CFOS Electives (Choose Two)

Elective Credits 6

Two Courses Chosen from CFOS 301 (Long Distance Hiking), CFOS 302 (Intermediate Whitewater Paddling), and CFOS 303 (Intermediate Rock Craft).

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CFOS 301	Long-Distance Backpacking	3
CFOS 302	Intermediate Whitewater Paddling	3
CFOS 303	Intermediate Rock Craft	3