

Tourism and Outdoor Leadership

OSU College of Forestry, Department of Forest Ecosystems & Society



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Overview

Natural resources are increasingly recognized for their potential to contribute to personal well-being through outdoor recreation, and to provide business opportunities in tourism and outdoor leadership. The Tourism and Outdoor Leadership (TOL) degree program provides students with the skills to develop and manage tourism and outdoor programs or

enterprises. The goal of TOL is to give students the conceptual and applied skills to provide high quality visitor experiences and sustain the natural resources where these experiences occur for future generations. The TOL program is only offered at the Cascades Campus in Bend, OR, giving students access to some of the best tourism opportunities in Oregon.

Career Opportunities

- ◆ Outdoor Guide or Trip Leader
- ◆ Environmental Interpretation
- ◆ Outdoor Recreation Programming
- ◆ Tourism Policy Analysis
- ◆ Entrepreneurship in TOL

Graduates find employment with the government, private businesses, art galleries, theaters, museums, and can even start their own business!

Contact Us

If you are interested in the Tourism and Outdoor Leadership degree program, or one of our other degree programs, or if you have any questions, please contact us at:

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Degree Requirements

Successful completion of 180 credits to include: the Tourism and Outdoor Leadership core curriculum, thematic blocks, an approved option, the OSU Baccalaureate Core, and an internship of eight (8) credits or more. College of Forestry courses used within the degree program must be completed with a grade of "C-" or higher.



Kai Williams, TOL Student

"If you value the outdoors, and want to make a profession out of it – whether management or guide—it really is amazing to learn from the wealth of knowledge at OSU-Cascades."

EXPLORE.

EDUCATE.

ENHANCE.

Baccalaureate Core (44 credits*)

Biological Science (4)

Cultural Diversity (3)

Difference, Power, and Discrimination (4)

Fitness (3)

Literature and Arts (3)

Mathematics (4)

Physical/Biological Science (4)

Physical Science (4)

Science, Technology and Society (3)

Social Processes (3)

Western Culture (3)

Writing I (3)

Writing II (3)

Skills Requirements (8 credits)

HHP 280 Practicum (2)

HHP/OL 255 (3)

Choose one of the following courses:

HTRM 233 Event Planning (3)

HHP 294CC Challenge Course Practices (3)

HHP 294RC Teaching Rock Climbing (3)

HHP 294WG Whitewater Raft Guiding (3)

TOL Core (96-97 credits*)

CIS 131/120 Software Applications (4)*

FOR 255 Resource Interpretation (3)*

HHP 244 Psychology of Adv & Risk (3)*

BA 101 Intro to Business (4)

NR 350 Sustainable Communities (3)

FOR 478 Legal Issues in TOL (3)

FOR 471 Sustainability in TOL (3)

FOR 371 Eco and Adventure Tourism (3)

FOR 375 Principles & Methods of Exp. Ed. (4)

FOR 378 Tourism & Recreation Data Analysis (3)

FOR 410 Internship (8)

FOR 422 Research Methods in Social Sci (4)

FOR 474X Entrepreneurship in TOL (3)

FOR 476X Risk Mgmt for Outdoor Rec (3)

OL/HHP 111 Intro to Outdoor Leadership (3)*

OL/HHP 207 Professional Seminar (2)*

OL/HHP 253 Wilderness Advanced First Aid (3)*

OL/HHP 255 Outdoor Living Skills (3)*

OL/HHP 271 Facilitating Group Experiences (3)*

OL/HHP 273 Outdoor Rec Leadership (3)*

SP 111 Fund. of Public Speaking (3)*

WR 122 English Composition (4)*

Upper-division Electives (13-14)

Option (30)

◆ Eco and Adventure Tourism

◆ International Ecotourism

◆ Adventure Leadership & Education

◆ Recreation Management

Total = 180 credits