



Wilderness Travel - ATBO 105

Adventure Tourism Business Operations Certificate Program

Course Outline

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2000
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2014
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE: April 2019

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Wilderness Travel course uses the classroom environment to refer to, and support, the lessons learned while on related ATBO field courses. We will look in depth at topics such as nature philosophy, environmental ethics, and commercial land use. We will also continue to develop the practical skills that have been learned on related ATBO field courses: navigation skills, weather interpretation, avalanche awareness, and emergency communication.

Program Information: This is a required course for the Adventure Tourism Business Operations Diploma program. It is typically taken in the first year of ATBO studies.

Delivery: This course is delivered face-to-face.

COTR Credits: 3

Hours for this course: 45 hours

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	33
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	
Practicum / Field Experience Hours	12
Other Contact Hours	
Total	45

Practicum Hours (if applicable):

Type of Practicum	Duration
On-the-job Experience	N/A
Formal Work Experience	N/A
Other	N/A
Total	

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Valid from: September 2014 – April 2019

Education Council Approval Date

COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: ATBO elective field courses as selected.

Flexible Assessment (FA):

Credit can be awarded for this course through FAA

Yes No

Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

Transfer Credit: For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>.

Students should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

Prior Course Number: N/A

Textbooks and Required Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Required Texts

Bruce Jamieson, *Backcountry Avalanche Awareness*.

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, Maritime Radio Course – Student notes.

Suggested Reading

Richard Louv, *Lost Children in the Woods*.

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator http://www.cotr.bc.ca/bookstore/cotr_web.asp?IDNumber=164 for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be able to

- successfully plan and prepare for extended wilderness based group trips;
 - develop and present to a group a sound code of conduct for appropriate behaviour pertinent to the area to be traveled in. This would include minimal impact camping and travel techniques, concern regarding wildlife, safety and health issues;
 - demonstrate a basic understanding of the theory and application of navigation, including the use of map, compass, altimeter and GPS readings;
 - have a basic knowledge of the weather patterns of the coast and mountain regions of BC;
 - understand the pros and cons of using different types of communication devices to communicate from within wilderness areas; and
 - have a basic awareness of avalanche safety protocols applicable for winter recreation.
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COURSE TOPICS:

- Wilderness Philosophy
- Commercial Land Use
- Environmental Ethics
- Navigation Skills (Land and Marine)
- Weather Interpretation (Land and Marine)
- Wilderness Communications Systems
- VHF Radio Operator Certificate

See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS DEVELOPED IN THIS COURSE:

Students can expect to develop the following skills in this course:

Skills for Busy Students

- Manage study time effectively
- Use effective note-taking strategies
- Use support systems and College resources

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT:

Assignments	% Of total Grade
Assignments	30%
Competency Based Skills Assessment	40%
Exams	<u>30%</u>
Total	100%

Please see the instructor syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments, and use of electronic aids.

EXAM POLICY:

Students must attend all required scheduled exams that make up a final grade at the appointed time and place.

Individual instructors may accommodate for illness or personal crisis. Additional accommodation will not be made unless a written request is sent to and approved by the appropriate Department Head prior to the scheduled exam.

Any student who misses a scheduled exam without approval will be given a grade of "0" for the exam.

COURSE GRADE:

Course grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
Mark (Percent)	≥ 90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	< 50

A grade of "D" grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

ACADEMIC POLICIES:

See www.cotr.bc.ca/policies for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

COURSE CHANGES:

Information contained in course outlines is correct at the time of publication. Content of the courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will endeavour to provide notice of changes to students as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete material from courses.