

# OUTDOOR RECREATION LEADERSHIP, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The Outdoor Recreation program qualifies individuals as outdoor leaders or resource managers for public and private organizations, including government agencies.

**Pre Major Declaration Requirement:** ≥C+ in ENGL 201 (or equivalent).

## Notes:

- two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college level foreign language is required;
- computer competency is required for the this major.

## Grade Requirements

- a minimum grade ≥C+ must be obtained in each required RCLS course (if a lower grade is received, the course must be retaken);
- a minimum cumulative GPA ≥2.50 shall be necessary in all upper- and lower-division required RCLS courses;
- a minimum cumulative GPA ≥2.50 shall be required for all university coursework; failure to comply with the above standards will jeopardize professional internship eligibility.

**Required—1500 hours of practical experience—see advisor.**

## Required Core Courses

RCLS 201	RECREATION AND LEISURE IN MODERN SOCIETY	4
RCLS 220	LEADERSHIP IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	3
RCLS 240	OVERVIEW OF THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES	4
RCLS 270	DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	2
RCLS 313	PUBLIC LANDS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION	4
RCLS 360	FACILITY PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	4
RCLS 385	PROGRAMMING IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	4
RCLS 400	LEGAL FOUNDATIONS IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	4
RCLS 425	EVALUATION, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	4
RCLS 435	EMPLOYMENT PROCESSES IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	2
RCLS 455	RESORT AND COMMERCIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT	3
RCLS 470	ADMINISTRATION, ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	4
RCLS 480	BUDGETING IN RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	4

## Required Supporting Courses

RCLS 125	RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES ACTIVITIES	1
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RCLS 206	OUTDOOR LIVING SKILLS	4
RCLS 290	WILDERNESS AND REMOTE FIRST AID	3
RCLS 305	WINTER CAMPING AND TRAVEL	4
RCLS 307	MOUNTAINEERING	3
RCLS 335	CHALLENGE COURSE PRACTITIONER	4
RCLS 375	WHITewater RAFTING GUIDE TECHNIQUES	4
RCLS 410	OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP	4
RCLS 422	EXPEDITION PLANNING AND LEADERSHIP	4
RCLS 438	PROFESSIONAL ISSUES IN OUTDOOR RECREATION LEADERSHIP	2
RCLS 494	OUTDOOR RECREATION PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP (majors must consult with their advisor)	12

## Required Senior Capstone

RCLS 490	SENIOR CAPSTONE IN RECREATION	4
Total Credits		95

## University Competencies and Proficiencies

English (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)  
 Mathematics (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficiencytext>)  
 Placement and Clearance Exams (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/placement/>)  
 Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/prior-learning/>)

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationrequirementstext>)(GER)

- Minimum Credits—180 cumulative credit hours
  - 60 upper-division credits (300 level or above)
  - 45 credits in residence (attendance) at Eastern, with at least 15 upper-division credits in major in residence at Eastern
- Minimum Cumulative GPA ≥2.0

## Breadth Area Core Requirements (BACR)

Humanities and Arts (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#humanitiesandfineartsgecrtext>)  
 Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciencesgecrtext>)  
 Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciencesgecrtext>)

University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#universitygraduationrequirementstext>) (UGR)  
 Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslisttext>)  
 Foreign Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#foreignlanguageugrtext>) (for Bachelor of Arts)  
 Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirementtext>)  
 Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#majorminorcertificateugrtext>)  
 Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselisttext>)

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All admitted students must officially Declare a Major (<https://access.ewu.edu/center-for-academic-advising-and-retention/academic-planning-tools/declare-your-major/>) by the time they reach 90 credits (junior standing).

Application for Graduation (<https://sites.ewu.edu/records-and-registration/files/2017/02/GraduationApp.pdf>) must be made at least two terms in advance of the term you expect to graduate (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate).

Use the Catalog Archives (<https://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/>) to determine two important catalog years (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#activecatalogruletext>). SOAR (<https://soar.ewu.edu/selfservice/general/home.html>) calculates based on these two catalog years.

1. The catalog *in effect at the student's first term* of current matriculation is used to determine **BACR** (Breadth Area Credit Requirements) **and UGR** (Undergraduate Graduation Requirements).
  2. The catalog *in effect at the time the student declares a major or minor* is used to determine the program requirements.
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Students who successfully earn a BA in Outdoor Recreation Leadership from EWU should be able to do the following:

- demonstrate a working knowledge of technology and its various uses in the recreation profession;
- demonstrate a working knowledge of the career and entrepreneurship opportunities available upon graduation;
- demonstrate an ability to plan and lead a backcountry field trip;
- demonstrate an awareness of diversity, equity, inclusion, and will demonstrate multi-cultural competence in recreation and leisure service delivery settings;
- demonstrate an understanding of the history, breadth, depth, and complexity of the recreation and leisure services industry;
- demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills;
- demonstrate essential skills in the areas of outdoor leadership, wilderness survival, backpacking, winter camping, mountaineering, and whitewater rafting;
- demonstrate knowledge of and skill at research, problem solving, and critical thinking;
- demonstrate the ability to perform in a variety of emergency situations including emergency response, wilderness first responder, and search and rescue management.