OUTDOOR RECREATION LEADERSHIP, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

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

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 this major.

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

Major Declaration Requirement: must complete ENGL 201 with a minimum grade ≥C.

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 ≥2.0 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.

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Required Supporting Courses
- RCLS 125 RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES ACTIVITIES 1
- 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 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
- Mathematics
- Placement and Clearance Exams
- Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB

General Education Requirements
- Humanities and Arts
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences

Breadth Area Core Requirements

University Graduation Requirements
- Diversity Course List
- Foreign Language
- Global Studies Course List
- Minor or Certificate
- Senior Capstone Course List
All admitted students must officially Declare a Major (https://inside.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 (use EagleNET (https://eaglenet.ewu.edu)) 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.

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.