

# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP MAJOR – B.S.

*No additional students are being admitted to this program as of Fall 2021*

The mission of the outdoor adventure leadership (OAL) major is to develop visionary leaders who are prepared to change lives through effective leadership, whether in a wilderness context or a context where these transferable skills are implemented.

The OAL program delivers an innovative, intensive, and experiential curriculum that promotes the development of strong leaders capable of effectively facilitating groups through high risk environments. The program is grounded in the theory and principles of adventure and leadership strategies and is rich with opportunity for application. Embedded within a liberal arts educational community, the program embraces the many opportunities to enrich each student's experience through interdisciplinary study and fosters in each student qualities of responsibility and independent thought, respect for others, the spirit of collaboration, awareness of our environmental and cultural connections and a commitment to lifelong service and learning.

## Special Academic Status Policy for Outdoor Adventure Leadership Majors

1. A student in this major must receive a semester grade of at least C- in all required RLS-prefix courses.
2. A student who fails to complete a required RLS-prefix course with a grade of at least C- must repeat the course. The Ithaca College policies on repeating courses must be followed. See "Repeating a Course" under Credit and Grade Information (<https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/academic-information/credit-grade/>).
3. A student who receives less than a C- after repeating a required RLS-prefix course will be subject to dismissal from the program. A student dismissed from the program may be eligible to enter other Ithaca College degree programs.
4. A student dismissed from a professional practicum is subject to receiving a failing grade and, in that case, must complete a prescribed program of remediation prior to a second placement. The student must register again for the practicum. A student dismissed from a professional practicum a second time is subject to dismissal from the program.
5. In exceptional cases, a student may be readmitted to the program upon satisfying conditions determined by the faculty.

At least 60 credits of liberal arts are required to graduate with a B.S. degree. All candidates for the B.S. degree in outdoor adventure leadership must complete a minimum of 120 credits in the components described below.

## Summary

Code	Title	Credits
	Foundations of recreation and leisure	18
	Outdoor adventure leadership core	36
	Outdoor adventure leadership practicum	11
	Integrative Core Curriculum <sup>1</sup>	16-19
	Free electives	25-29

Liberal Arts electives	11-14
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to "ICC (<https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/schools/school-health-sciences-human-performance/#integrativecorecurriculumicctext>)" tab on our school's main page to see requirements.

## Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>FOUNDATIONS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE</b>		
RLS 10100	Leisure and Society <sup>1</sup>	3
RLS 10500	Fundamentals of Leadership <sup>1</sup>	3
RLS 12500	Understanding Disability: Characteristics, Causes, Services <sup>1</sup>	3
RLS 33200	Research Methods	3
RLS 34000	Inclusive Recreation and Diversity <sup>1</sup>	3
RLS 45300	Seminar: Professional Development	3
<b>OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP CORE</b>		
RLS 15100	Foundations of Outdoor Adventure Pursuits	3
RLS 17100	Introduction to Backpacking	1
RLS 18005	Selected Topics in Rescue	2
RLS 21600	Outdoor Adventure Skills	3
RLS 21800	Wilderness First Responder	3
RLS 22000	The Wilderness Experience	4
RLS 22300	Wilderness Literacy	2
RLS 23200	Program Planning	3
RLS 35400	Organization and Supervision of Outdoor Pursuits	2
RLS 37000	Wilderness Land Use Ethics	3
RLS 42100	Wilderness Expedition Leadership	4
RLS 43000	Adventure Education	3
RLS 43500	Risk Management in Outdoor Adventure Programming	3
<b>OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP PRACTICUM</b>		
Select 11 credits of the following: <sup>2</sup>		11
RLS 24800	Service Learning in Recreation	
RLS 34900	Advanced Fieldwork	
RLS 44100	Internship in Recreation and Leisure Studies	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>65</b>

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<sup>1</sup> *Satisfies Complementary Liberal Arts requirement.*

<sup>2</sup> A minimum of 8 credits must be earned in either RLS 34900 or RLS 44100. Practicum credits beyond the 11 required may be counted as free electives.

Internships must be approved by the department chair. To be eligible for an internship (RLS 44100) an outdoor adventure leadership major must meet the following prerequisites:

- GPA of at least 2.50 in Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies courses
- Minimum GPA of 3.00 in RLS 24800
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 and at least 24 credits earned in the last 12 months
- Completion of at least 24 credits of required recreation courses (RLS xxxx) and at least 6 credits of recreation electives (RLS xxxx)