

OUTDOOR PURSUITS MINOR

Please note that students are no longer being accepted into the Outdoor Pursuits minor after 12/31/2021.

The outdoor pursuits minor is open to students majoring in all disciplines except outdoor adventure leadership.

Outdoor pursuits are used in many settings. Businesses are using “outward-bound” type programs with their executives. Social service agencies offer camping and outdoor adventure programs for clients. Schools are using outdoor education and camping programs as part of their curriculum. Wilderness therapy is a growing field for troubled youth and drug and alcohol programs. This academic minor program prepares students to plan, organize, and lead outdoor leadership programs of limited scope.

Special Academic Status Policy for Outdoor Pursuits Minors

1. A student in this minor 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 course will be subject to dismissal from the program.

Requirements

To provide students greater flexibility and to increase the accessibility of courses for more students to meet the minor requirements, the revised program offers two tracks:

- Track 1 for students who are able to participate in the Immersion Semester Program (ISP), which is a study-away semester; and
- Track 2 for students who are not able to participate in the ISP yet would like to gain basic outdoor leadership and program planning skills.

Code	Title	Credits
TRACK 1 (IMMERSION SEMESTER PROGRAM)		
Required courses (18 credits)		18
RLS 18005	Selected Topics in Rescue	
RLS 21600	Outdoor Adventure Skills	
RLS 22000	The Wilderness Experience	
RLS 22300	Wilderness Literacy	
RLS 37000	Wilderness Land Use Ethics	
RLS 42100	Wilderness Expedition Leadership	
Total Credits		18

OR

Code	Title	Credits
TRACK 2 (ON-CAMPUS OPTION)		
Required courses (8 credits)		8
RLS 10500	Fundamentals of Leadership	

RLS 15000	Rock Climbing	
RLS 15100	Foundations of Outdoor Adventure Pursuits	
RLS 17100	Introduction to Backpacking	
Track 2 Electives		
Select at least 9 credits from the following:		9
RLS 18000	Selected Topics in Adventure Skills Fundamentals	
RLS 19000	Selected Topics in Adventure Skill Fieldwork	
RLS 21800	Wilderness First Responder	
RLS 23200	Program Planning	
RLS 24800	Service Learning in Recreation	
RLS 27700	Sustainable Tourism	
RLS 35400	Organization and Supervision of Outdoor Pursuits	
RLS 43000	Adventure Education	
Total Credits		17