

Program Change Request

New Program Proposal

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Program Status	Active		
Academic Level	Undergraduate		
Type of proposal	Minor		
Select a reason for this new program	Adding New Minor		
Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2022		
College/School Code	College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)		
Department Code	Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation (HHPR)		
Program Code	ODLR-M		
Degree	Minor		
CIP Code			

In Workflow

1. EDUC Dean Initial
2. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
3. Registrar Initial
4. Institutional Research
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7. EDUC Dean
8. Global Campus
9. Provost Review
10. University Course and Program Committee
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2. 11/29/21 12:45 pm
Alice Griffin (agriffin): Approved for Director of Curriculum Review

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Assessment
3. 11/30/21 12:11 pm
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31.0101 - Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Studies.

Program Title

Outdoor Leadership Minor

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total 15
hours needed to
complete the
program?

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

The Outdoor Leadership minor requires completion of 15 hours of study with at least 50 percent of the courses applied toward the minor taken in residence. Each student must have a 2.00 cumulative grade-point average in the courses offered to complete the minor.

Non-RESMBS, degree-seeking students working toward a minor should note the following:

Students who elect to obtain an Outdoor Leadership minor must provide written notice of their intent to the dean's office of the college in which they are receiving a degree. This notice and all requirements for the Outdoor Leadership minor must be completed prior to the awarding of the student's undergraduate degree. All equivalencies must be approved by the program faculty in recreation and sport management.

Program Curriculum:

Required Core

RESM 1023 FOUNDATIONS OF OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP	Course RESM 1023 FOUNDATIONS OF OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP Not Found	11
RESM 1032 OUTDOOR LIVING SKILLS	Course RESM 1032 OUTDOOR LIVING SKILLS Not Found	3
RESM 3043 NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR ETHICS	Course RESM 3043 NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR ETHICS Not Found	2
		3

RESM 4023 APPLIED OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP	Course RESM 4023 APPLIED OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP Not Found	3
Skill Based Courses		4
RESM 1051 ROCK CLIMBING I	Course RESM 1051 ROCK CLIMBING I Not Found	1
RESM 1061 ROCK CLIMBING II	Course RESM 1061 ROCK CLIMBING II Not Found	1
RESM 1071 INTRODUCTION TO MOUNTAIN BIKING	Course RESM 1071 INTRODUCTION TO MOUNTAIN BIKING Not Found	1
RESM 1081 ADVANCED MOUNTAIN BIKING	Course RESM 1081 ADVANCED MOUNTAIN BIKING Not Found	1
Total Hours		15

8-Semester Plan

N/A

Program Costs

The program will be funded by the Walton Personal Philanthropy Group Outdoor Industries grant for three years. This is a collaborative effort with the Walton College of Business, Counselor Education, Geology, Student Success, Rock Camp, and UREC. Notice of award was received on 7/1/21.

Library Resources

No additional library resources are needed.

Instructional

Facilities

No additional facility resources are needed.

Faculty Resources

A teaching faculty member, graduate assistant, and administrative professional will be funded through the Walton Personal Philanthropy Group Outdoor Industries grant for three years. Notice of award was received on 7/1/21.

List Existing Certificate or Degree Programs that Support the Proposed Program

Program(s)
RESMBS - Recreation and Sport Management, Bachelor of Science

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program 60

Scheduled Program N/A

Review Date

Program Goals and Objectives

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The Outdoor Leadership Minor will prepare students for leadership roles in a wide variety of settings through hands-on learning experiences. Coursework focuses on developing student's skills in leadership principles, professional ethics, group dynamics, instructional abilities, program planning, environmental awareness, judgement, decision making, and risk management.

Learning Outcomes

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Students completing the course work within the Outdoor Leadership Minor will:

1. Develop an understanding of the history and theories of leadership
2. Identify and evaluate human dimensions of leadership including: human-environmental interaction, ethics, diversity, and group dynamics
3. Demonstrate the ability to transfer general leadership skills to other areas of personal and professional pursuits
4. Demonstrate competency in select outdoor recreation skill areas
5. Apply risk management, operational procedures, and acceptable field practice models within outdoor recreational programming
6. Apply concepts of experiential learning and group facilitation techniques
7. Utilize effective feedback models for the purpose of self and peer development
8. Develop critical thinking skills in situations that provide self-growth and development

Description and Justification for this request

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A new minor is being proposed and includes new courses and an admissions policy.	Outdoor and adventure recreation is a stable industry with long-term projected growth. According to the Outdoor Industry Association,

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	<p>the recreation profession generates 5.2 million direct national jobs. The 2021 report from the Outdoor Foundation reported 53% of the US population participated in outdoor recreation in 2020, the highest participation rate on record. In addition, the Outdoor Industry Association reports that the outdoor recreation economy in Arkansas generates 40,000 direct jobs, \$1.4 billion in wages and salaries, and \$2.9 billion added benefit to the GDP. By comparison, the Arkansas Farm Bureau reports that Arkansas poultry production generates approximately 37,000 jobs.</p> <p>Many thriving associations indicate the health and viability of the profession. The Association for Experiential Education, the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education, The Adventure Travel Trade Association, and the Wilderness Education Association are all notable and respected associations that support the industry and work of outdoor leadership within a variety of settings. Membership and involvement in any of the aforementioned associations and other related trade associations would provide a logical outlet for further professional development for students and a source for internship and employment discovery. In the 2017 special edition of the Journal of Outdoor Recreation and Education, authors predicted that new professionals can expect robust employment opportunities and competitive salaries that meet or surpass other professions as they experience career advancement (Andre, Williams, Schwartz, & Bullard, 2017).</p> <p>There is a trend in the industry towards credentialing & certification. The proposed</p>

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	<p>minor provides pathways to award outdoor leader credentialing through the Wilderness Education Association through traditional class curriculum and completion of field-based courses. Furthermore, the proposed curriculum is strong and consistent with the foundational and theoretical expectations for outdoor leaders. The focus on training and certification will enhance our curriculum and will be an attractive element of this minor.</p> <p>Finally, the RESM program has strong partnerships across campus that strengthen the minor. The Adventure Therapy Lab, Sustainability program, Geosciences department, and the Walton College of Business are all potential partners that would provide a student pool for additional minors. A partnership with UREC Outdoors allows for shared resources that benefit students. Resources include equipment, increased interaction with other professional staff that serve a role in the university as outdoor educators, opportunities for authentic leadership development and consistent training, oversight, and feedback. According to recent literature pertaining to leadership development, there is an emphasis on providing more venues for developing professionals to gain real-life and authentic leadership opportunities (Sandberg, Martin, Szolosi, Early, & Casapulla, 2017). The programs described above provide these authentic leadership opportunities for students in this minor.</p>

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Reviewer Comments

Matthew Ganio (msganio) (11/22/21 3:17 pm): changed program code to ODLR-M with department's permission

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (11/29/21 11:33 am): All eight courses are currently in the approval workflow.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (11/29/21 12:45 pm): Minor edit to the description with permission from the submitter.