

RECREATION MANAGEMENT AND POLICY MAJOR: OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OPTION (B.S)

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Description

UNH's Outdoor Leadership and Management (OLM) Program is designed for students who want to study and work in outdoor programs, parks, and public or commercial recreation settings. Our graduates are guides, leaders, directors, and managers of agencies that provide healthy outdoor activities for people across their lifespan. Our curriculum combines experiential learning in urban, rural, and backcountry landscapes with a classic liberal arts education. You'll gain a solid foundation in the theories, philosophies, and methods of outdoor recreation leadership and management while gaining skills in outdoor activities, pursuits or disciplines such as climbing, canoeing, and backpacking. This program will prepare you for dynamic careers in outdoor education, adventure programming, outdoor recreation management, parks and protected areas management, youth and after-school programming, conservation, and other outdoor fields.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 128 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 32 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum GPA: 2.0 required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement: No

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

Major Requirements

All majors must complete a core curriculum.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
RMP 490	Recreation & Tourism in Society	4
RMP 501	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice for Recreation Services	4
RMP 557	Program and Event Design	4
RMP 563	Recreation Management and Policy Practicum	2
RMP 654	Professional Development and Ethics	2
RMP 764	Internship (Capstone) ¹	8 or 12
Outdoor Leadership and Management Option Requirements		
RMP 411	Applied Recreation Risk Management	2
OUT 681	Foundations of Adventure Education	4
OUT 686	Wilderness Emergency Medical Care	4

RMP 711	Recreation Resource Management	4
RMP 772	Law and Public Policy in Leisure Services	4
RMP 776	Human Dimensions of Natural Environments	4
Leadership or Management Course		
Select one course from the following:		2-4
OUT 682	Experiential Teaching & Leadership	
RMP 641	Group Facilitation and Leadership	
RMP 670	Venue Management Design & Operations	
Field Leadership		
Select at least two courses from the following:		8
OUT 540	Top Rope Rock Climbing	
OUT 551	Adventure Programming: Backcountry Based Experience	
OUT 552	Adventure Programming: Water Based Experiences	
Electives^{2,3}		
Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following:		6
Field Leadership course not selected above can be selected as an elective.		
Leadership or Management course not selected above can be selected as an elective.		
OUT 539	Artificial Climbing Wall Management	
OUT 541	Technical Operation of Aerial Adventure Courses	
OUT 542	Sea Kayaking	
OUT 545	High Angle Rescue	
OUT 546	Whitewater Canoeing	
OUT 547	Lead Rock Climbing	
OUT 549	Wilderness Navigation	
RMP 603	New Hampshire Ski Industry Management	
RMP 663	Management and Finance in the Experience Industry	
RMP 668	Youth Culture and Programs	
RMP 775	Entrepreneurial and Commercial Recreation	
Lifetime Activity Program (LAP) Course		
Select two LAP courses with outdoor discipline:		4
LAP 501	Lifetime Activity Program: Special Topics	
Total Credits		66-72

¹ Professional Internship: a supervised internship is required of all majors and serves as the major capstone requirement. The internship is designed to create a bridge between theory and practical application. Students, working with their advisors and the internship coordinator, select an appropriate setting based on their professional and career interests. Students must register for an 8 credit (10-week, 400 hour) or 12 credit (14-week, 560 hour) internship that is under the supervision of a qualified professional. Specific requirements are identified in the *Internship Manual* available from the Department of Recreation Management and Policy.

² Other courses may be recommended by the academic advisor to fulfill the elective requirement.

³ RMP students enrolled in an accelerated masters program offered by the Carsey School of Public Policy may count any Carsey graduate course as an elective toward their undergraduate RMP degree.

Degree Plan

Sample Degree Plan

This sample degree plan serves as a general guide; students collaborate with their academic advisor to develop a personalized degree plan to meet their academic goals and program requirements.

First Year

Fall		Credits
RMP 490	Recreation & Tourism in Society	4
RMP 411	Applied Recreation Risk Management	2
HHS 401	College of Health and Human Services Seminar	1

OUT Field Course	4
OLM Elective or LAP Elective	2
Discovery Course	4
Credits	17

Spring

RMP 501	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice for Recreation Services	4
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing	4
HHS 402	Foundations of Career and Professional Success	1
OUT Field Course		4
Discovery Course		4

Credits **17**

Second Year**Fall**

RMP 557	Program and Event Design	4
RMP 563	Recreation Management and Policy Practicum	2
OUT 681	Foundations of Adventure Education	4
OUT Field Course		4
Discovery Course		4

Credits **18**

Spring

OUT 686	Wilderness Emergency Medical Care	4
OLM Elective or LAP Elective		4-6
Discovery Course		4
Discovery Course		4

Credits **16-18**

Third Year**Fall**

OUT 682 or RMP 641 or RMP 670	Experiential Teaching & Leadership or Group Facilitation and Leadership or Venue Management Design & Operations	4
RMP 772	Law and Public Policy in Leisure Services	4
OLM Elective or LAP Elective		4
Discovery Course		4

Credits **16**

Spring

OUT 682 or RMP 641 or RMP 670	Experiential Teaching & Leadership or Group Facilitation and Leadership or Venue Management Design & Operations	4
RMP 776	Human Dimensions of Natural Environments	4
RMP 654	Professional Development and Ethics	2
OLM Elective or LAP Elective		4
Discovery Course		4

Credits **18**

Summer

RMP 764	Internship (or taken during Senior Year)	8
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Credits **8**

Fourth Year**Fall**

RMP 711	Recreation Resource Management	4
OLM Electives or LAP Electives		8
Discovery Course		4

Credits **16**

Spring

OLM Electives or Lap Electives		12
Discovery Course		4

Credits **16**

Total Credits **142-144**

Student Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will know and demonstrate the nature and scope of the outdoor industry, including outdoor education, adventure leadership, and parks and protected-areas management.
- Students will know and demonstrate the techniques and processes used by professionals and staff in the outdoor industry.
- Students will know and demonstrate the foundation of the outdoor industry in history, science, and philosophy.
- Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to design, implement, and evaluate services that facilitate targeted human experiences and that embrace personal and cultural dimensions of diversity in outdoor settings.
- Students will demonstrate entry-level knowledge about operations, strategic management, and administration in the outdoor industry.
- Students will demonstrate the potential to succeed as professionals at supervisory or higher levels in the outdoor industry through participation in structured practicum and internship experiences.