

Outdoor & Adventure Studies

BLA | Bachelor of Liberal Arts



“The program unequivocally forced me to exceed my own expectations - challenging me academically and technically, and giving me the skills to become an outdoor professional. Every person with whom I participated in the ODS capstone is currently successfully employed in the outdoor industry either guiding or teaching.”

— Bradford Chadsey
BLA Outdoor and Adventure Studies

Potential Careers

Adventure Tourism/Guiding
Community Relations and Organizing
Environmental Consulting
Government
Journalism
Mountain/Wilderness Guiding
US Forest Service/Park Service
Public Relations

A Unique Opportunity in a World-Class Environment

The Bachelor of Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Outdoor and Adventure Studies is an intensive humanities program that offers students the opportunity to better understand their relationship to the natural world and to develop skills and characteristics that are fundamental to being successful as an individual, group member, and a leader in outdoor and adventure settings. Classes take place both in the classroom and in the Alaskan wilderness.

Challenge Yourself Outside the Classroom

This program incorporates outdoor risk management, leadership skills, specific outdoor activity skills, and academic work. The combination of outdoor and academic courses is designed to develop not only knowledge but personal traits such as good judgment and self-reliance.

Additional UAS Opportunities

Certificate in Outdoor Skills and Leadership
Bachelor of Arts Environmental Studies
Bachelor of Science Environmental Science

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UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

Outdoor and Adventure Studies

Degree Requirements 120 credits

General Education Requirements

34 credits

- Writing
- Communications
- Fine Arts
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Mathematics or Statistics
- Lab Science
- Non-lab Science

Liberal Arts Core

9 credits

- Student Portfolio Review
- Communications or Literature (upper division)
- Philosophy
- Humanities Capstone

Alaska Native Knowledge Requirement

3 credits

- Alaska Native Language, Studies, or Arts course

Language Requirement

6-8 credits

One-year sequence of a language other than English. With departmental approval, students that have documented proficiency or study abroad in a language other than English will be considered to have met this requirement.

Emphasis Requirements

52-57 credits

- Required Emphasis Courses
- Outdoor Studies Electives
- Upper Division Electives

Electives or Minor

9-16 credits

Required Emphasis Courses

- Literature and Environment
- Mountain Studies: Philosophy, Lit, and Practice
- Ocean Studies: Images of the Environment
- Perspectives on the Natural World
- Sport, Leisure, and Culture
- Outdoor Leadership
- Expedition Planning & Leadership
- Expedition I & II
- Wilderness First Responder

Outdoor Studies Electives

- Backpacking in Southeast Alaska
- Winter Backpacking in Southeast Alaska
- Rock Climbing I & II
- Ice Climbing I & II
- Avalanche Evaluation & Theory I & II
- Intro to Fly Fishing, Tying, and Casting
- Sea Kayaking
- Backcountry Skiing and Snowboarding
- Backcountry Navigation
- Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue
- Mountaineering

Sample Upper Division Electives

- Arctic Anthropology
- Earth's Climate System
- Environmental Sociology
- Ethnobiology
- Glaciology
- Literature of Alaska
- Snow Hydrology
- Tlingit Culture and History

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