

# Outdoor Education

---

Program Description	Type	Degree
Outdoor Education, B.S. ( <a href="https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/education/outdoor-education/bs-outdoor-education/">https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/education/outdoor-education/bs-outdoor-education/</a> )	Degree	B.S.
Outdoor Education, Minor ( <a href="https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/education/outdoor-education/minor-outdoor-education/">https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/education/outdoor-education/minor-outdoor-education/</a> )	Minor	

Students pursuing a **Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Education** degree focus on the acquisition and application of content knowledge related to the outdoor recreation setting. Curricular content focuses on outdoor leadership and teaching, outdoor safety, natural history and/or business, and experiential skills. The curriculum prepares students for careers in the Forest Service, national and state parks, city and military recreation programs, and management agencies, fish & game departments, outdoor guide services, and the outdoor equipment and clothing industry.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for Outdoor Education majors are as follows:

**SLO #1: Content Knowledge.** Students will be familiar with and understand the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and literature of the outdoor and human performance fields.

**SLO #2: Application of Knowledge.** Students will be able to demonstrate competence in the application of outdoor skills and apply key outdoor education theoretical approaches in real-world situations.

**SLO #3: Safety.** Students will successfully demonstrate wilderness first aid and emergency skills, be able to accurately assess hazards, and manage work-related tasks in a safe, risk-free manner.

**SLO #4: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving.** Students will analyze and evaluate concepts, theories, and points of view in the outdoor field; distinguish between fact and fabrication; and apply principles and strategies in an ecologically sound manner.

**SLO #5: Leadership.** Students will demonstrate effective leadership skills which include professional ethics, flexibility in decision-making, and the ability to engage collaboratively with others to accomplish organizational goals.

**SLO #6: Personal and Professional Growth.** Students will develop self-awareness and adaptability, flexibility, and curiosity in pursuit of personal and professional growth.

**SLO #7: Communication.** Students will be able to understand and communicate effectively through speech, the written word, and various electronic and technological platforms.

**SLO #8: Ethical Behavior.** Students engage in ethical behavior, including social issues related to diversity and human dignity, and demonstrate personal responsibility for the protection, conservation, and stewardship of the natural environment.