OUTDOOR PROGRAM CREDIT REGISTRATION

Thank you for your interest in earning college credit through Western State Colorado University in conjunction with an Outdoor Program course. Western has partnered with Outward Bound, National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS, IWLS, Alderleaf Wilderness College, and more to offer Recreation and Outdoor Education (ROE) college credit. The ROE 397 upper division elective credit is awarded by the Recreation and Outdoor Education department upon successful completion of the Outdoor Program course and Western’s academic requirements as outlined in each program’s credit registration packet. The Western Extended Studies Office administers the registration and enrollment process. For a complete listing of Outdoor schools we partner with, please visit western.edu/es.

What are some benefits for students who enroll for credit for Outdoor Program courses?

- Students may earn up to 18 ROE 397 credits, which count toward the overall credits and upper division credits base requirement for any degree at Western.
- Students who decide to pursue a degree in Recreation and Outdoor Education at Western will enter their degree program with the Outdoor skills and experience helpful for an emphasis in Outdoor Leadership or Outdoor Environmental Education.
- An Outdoor Program course can substitute for several different ROE requirements, depending on length and type of course.
- Students who participate in an Outdoor Program at Western typically enjoy the Gunnison Valley environment, including the surrounding mountains, forests, wilderness, and rivers, and all the recreation opportunities our location has to offer.

What classes do ROE 397 credits substitute for?

Depending on course length, Outdoor Program content and modes of travel, these credits substitute in different combinations of the following:

**ROE 189: Principles of Outdoor Recreation**
An exploration of the characteristics of wilderness and backcountry environments in terms of potential hazards and human capability for adverse impact on resource lands. The course is designed to create an outdoor education foundation and to enhance the knowledge of and appreciation for the natural environment so that safe, responsible and enjoyable outdoor adventures are possible.

**ROE 283: Recreation Leadership**
A study of recreation and outdoor education leadership, including leading activities, managerial leadership, and the art of facilitation. Emphasis is placed upon appropriate theories and techniques for varying populations.

**ROE 293: Outdoor Pursuits Education: Water Based**
Water-based outdoor leadership, skill development in areas such as rescue techniques, rafting, and kayaking.
ROE 295: Outdoor Pursuits Education: Snow Based
Snow-based outdoor leadership, skill development in areas such as rescue techniques, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, and winter camping.

ROE: 296: Outdoor Pursuits Education: Land Based
Land-based outdoor leadership and skill development in areas such as rescue techniques, mountaineering, rock climbing, backpacking, and caving.

ROE 320: Leave No Trace Master Educator
A comprehensive overview of Leave No Trace skills and ethics. Time in the classroom, as well as in a backcountry setting, allows students to gain understanding of LNT history, theory, wilderness ethics and practical application of the seven principles and teaching techniques. Students may be provided the opportunity to design and teach an awareness workshop. Prerequisites: ROE 189, ROE 283; and instructor permission; co-requisite: ROE 296

Some courses offer students opportunity to earn their First Aid Certification
ROE 397: Wilderness First Responder

Will ROE 397 Credit Transfer to Other Schools?
Students wishing to transfer ROE 397 credit to other institutions should contact their academic advisor concerning how these credits may be applied to their course of study. It is the student’s responsibility to arrange for any credit transfer. Western does not guarantee the transfer or substitution of credit. For more information regarding the Recreation and Outdoor Education program at Western, please visit western.edu/roe or contact Matthew H. Ebbott, mebbott@western.edu, 970.943.2115.

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