

**PEO 413 – Field Leadership – Syllabus**

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Course Description

**Field Leadership** is a central course in an integrated set of courses designed to prepare students for leading outdoor pursuits activities. The purpose of this course is to develop safety, campcraft and field leadership skills.

Prerequisites / Corequisites

PEO 285 Wilderness Survival and PEO 351 Backpacking (or equivalent experience) are prerequisites. Instructor consent is also required.

Learning Outcomes

The course includes one 1 hour and 50 minute class session per week, a challenging three-day outing, several assignments, and a final exam. Course content and learning outcomes focus on:

- Defining the roles and responsibilities of outdoor field leaders, with an emphasis on promoting participant safety.
- Refining the skills essential for conducting safe, high quality outdoor adventures, including navigation (map, compass, GPS), communication (communication structures, use of radios), equipment (selection, use, care and repair), travel and campcraft (packs, knots, shelters, stoves).
- Driver training, including classroom lecture sessions on driving safety, accident prevention, and policies and procedures; a practical session on changing a flat tire, jump starting a dead battery, putting on chains, and a behind-the-wheel training session in a 12-passenger van.
- Field leadership techniques with an emphasis on group control and emergency response.

Evaluative Criteria - This is a GRADED ONLY course.

Students will be evaluated in the following areas. The instructors will provide specific information.

	<u>CRITERION</u>	<i>points</i>	<i>notes</i>
A.	DRIVER TRAINING TEST .....	15	80% or better required on OSU online test
B.	ASSIGNMENTS .....	55	
	- map and compass worksheet - 20 pts.		
	- outing personal assessment - 10 pts.		see guidelines in packet
	- knots test - 15 pts.		select knots as specified in class
	- shelter setup video- 10 pts.		bombshelter setup with a teammate
C.	FINAL EXAMINATION .....	30	take home examination - explained in class

Grading Baselines - Students:

- MUST attend the first session, the session prior to the outing, the session after the outing and the last session.
- Are permitted to miss one classroom session (except sessions identified in 'a' above).
- Must participate fully in the Friday through Sunday outing. Compliance with OPP Attendance and Participation policies is required. Students will also be evaluated on personal organization and contribution to the group effort.
- Must attain a cumulative score on the evaluative criteria of at least 70 of the 100 possible points.

*Assignments:* Submissions and other written work turned in late will be subject to the following point reduction schedule:

- Submitted 1 minute to 24 hours after deadline; - 25%
- Submitted 24:01- 48 hrs. later; - 50%
- Submitted any later time; -100%

**NOTE: A final grade of C or better is necessary to meet the requirements of the OPP Leadership Training Program.**

*Grading Scale*

A+ 100-96; A 95-93, A- 92-90; B+ 89-86, B = 85-83, B- 82-80; C+ 79-76, C = 75-73, C- 72-70; D = 65-69; F = <65

Demands, Requirements, Expectations, and Policies - Friday Through Sunday Outing

The outing includes two components:

1. An in-town (Friday) driver-training component that involves backing and parking maneuvers, changing a flat tire and putting on chains and other skills. This session is conducted at the Autzen Stadium parking lot and on campus.
2. The remainder of the outing is conducted in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and includes night hiking and navigation challenges and group emergency response exercises.

Winter weather on the Oregon Coast can change rapidly. Mild weather can quickly change to heavy rain, and high winds are common on the coast. The temperatures are usually mild, however low temperatures occasionally reach the freezing point in this area at this time of year. Dense brush, pools of standing water, occasional quicksand, inclement weather, and darkness impose rigorous challenges for outing participants.

Safe travel in these conditions requires proper clothing and equipment, careful navigation and route selection, constantly self-monitoring yours and others' physical conditions, and being aware of the challenges and hazards imposed by the immediate surroundings. It's imperative that you understand what is required of you in terms of preparation, fitness, physical comfort, attitude, and conduct. MOST IMPORTANT! Safety is our first concern and must be yours as well. Participate in the outing only if you feel mentally and physically prepared and are willing and able to assume full responsibility for your own safety. Never assume that the leadership team knows everything, always make good decisions, or can solve every problem for you. Your safety depends upon your alertness and good sense. We encourage you to maintain a questioning attitude! If you are unsure of something, ask!

*A. Prior to participation in the outing you are required to:*

1. Attend the required classroom sessions.
2. Submit pre-outing assignments on time and in acceptable (passing) form.
3. Meet the course fitness requirements during a pre-outing classroom session (2 mile run in 18 minutes).
4. Read, understand, and sign the Statement of Risk, Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability document, Health Information form, and Outing Policies document, allowing enough time to thoroughly read each document and bring any questions you may have to the course instructors. It is your responsibility to provide your instructors with information regarding injuries, surgeries, medications, or other special considerations that may affect your participation in this course.
5. Arrive at the outing departure point on time and with all of the required clothing and equipment. Gear and clothing requirements will be detailed during class sessions. To avoid loss of credit, fees, and the experience of the outing, make sure that you understand the requirements and verify the acceptability of required items well in advance of the departure date. The Outdoor Pursuits Program maintains a limited supply of certain items for student use at no charge. You must provide your own equipment unless we happen to have the items you need. Rentals are available locally. You must also provide your own food. Transportation is covered in the cost of the course.

*B. As a participant in the outing component of this course, you are expected to:*

1. Monitor your health and comfort, eat and drink regularly, and inform your instructors if you become uncomfortable or exceed your limits of personal safety. Your enjoyment of the course will be improved by maintaining a positive attitude and by being mentally prepared for a new set of challenges each day.
2. Know and practice minimum impact camping techniques specific to the season and environment.
3. Refrain from using tobacco, illicit drugs and alcohol, carrying firearms, and bringing pets of any kind. Our outing participation policies regarding alcohol, illicit drugs and firearms are "zero tolerance". Do not anticipate lenience or exceptions. Failure to abide by these policies may result in a permanent grade of "F" or "NP" in the course and and/or a formal complaint registered with the *Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards*.
4. Wear a seat belt AT ALL TIMES while riding in State vehicles.

5. Remember that you are participating in a tax-supported public program. Help us maintain a good image by being sensible in attire and behavior when near members of the public.
6. Comply with the Program's policy on use of cell phones, music players and other personal electronic devices. Policies regarding the use of personal electronics will be discussed during class sessions.

C. *You will not be allowed to participate in the outing component of this course if you:*

1. Miss any required classroom sessions.
2. Fail to submit the required written assignments.
3. Fail the fitness test.
4. Arrive at the outing with inadequate equipment or if, in the instructors' opinion, your participation (for whatever reason) could compromise your or the group's safety.

D. You participate at your own risk. **You are strongly encouraged to obtain health insurance prior to participation in the outing component of this course.** You may be asked to secure a physician's statement clearing you to participate in this course.

Additional Information

1. Course readings are available from the course website. Most readings are password-protected. The password will be provided during the first class session. Hard copies of the assignments will be distributed in class.
2. IMPORTANT! The three-day outing requires that you miss ALL other class sessions scheduled on the Friday of the outing. It is your responsibility to contact your professors/instructors well in advance of the outing to determine if your absence will be permitted. NOTE: Your professors/instructors are under no obligation to release you from your responsibilities in order to participate in this outing. Attending Friday classes and driving on your own to the outing location later in the day is NOT PERMITTED.
3. A color map of the outing location is required for the map and compass worksheet AND the outing. The instructors will provide the map in class.
4. Laptop and cell phone use (including text messaging) is prohibited during class sessions!
5. Canvas will be used to provide a running total of your scores on course assignments. Course resources such as articles and lecture notes are posted to the course website ONLY. Check the website - it's a comprehensive course resource.
6. A Statement Concerning Academic Integrity - We expect you to complete all written assignments and the final examination in a manner consistent with academic integrity. You must produce your own written work and properly acknowledge and document all sources (ideas, quotations, paraphrases). For complete information about the University of Oregon's Policy on Academic Dishonesty, consult the Student Handbook.
7. If participation is disallowed due to failure to meet the requirements for participation specified above, or because you chose not to participate in the outing for any reason, fees will NOT be refunded. Refunds are subject to the refund schedule established by the Registrar's Office.
8. In compliance with University policies, an "I" can be given only when a relatively minor part of a course is not completed. Therefore, if you do not participate in the outing component, an "I" is not an option. If you cannot attend the outing, drop the course as soon as possible.

Course Instructors

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Course Schedule

DATE	TOPICS	NOTES / READINGS
WK 1	Course overview, expectations and requirements Course syllabus Roles of outdoor leaders/leadership competencies <i>Readings:</i> Course syllabus Outdoor pursuits leadership	Course readings available exclusively on website Many online documents are password protected
WK 2	Driver training – OSU policies/procedures/online exam Driver Training #2 – UO policies/procedures Radios, Phones and Beacons <i>Readings:</i> Driving rules of the road Driving state vehicles Radios, Phones and Beacons OPP radio protocols	
WK 3	Map and compass worksheet Introduction to GPS Fitness test <i>Readings:</i> Map & compass field techniques – go to the Backcountry Navigation section of the OPP's 'Backcountry' page GPS and maps – go to the Backcountry Navigation section of the OPP's 'Backcountry' page UTM grid and GPS basics- available on the Backcountry Navigation section of the OPP's 'Backcountry' page	<i>Assignment due:</i> OSU online driver training exam  Bring your running gear to class
WK 4	Outing preparation - equipment requirements review Outing assignment explained Leave No Trace Ethics Outing organization <i>Readings:</i> OPP equipment requirements Outing assignment	<i>Assignment due:</i> Map and compass worksheet
<b>FIELD LEADERSHIP OUTING</b> <b>0700 FRIDAY (date TBA) to 1600 SUNDAY (date TBA) - Meet at OPP staging area</b>		
WK 5	Outing review and gear management – gear return, organization and storage Equipment – gear repair Shelter video explained and due date announced <i>Readings:</i> Gear repair kits	
WK 6	Knots exam Course Closure	