

Ohio University  
Patton College of Education  
Department of Recreation & Sport Pedagogy

<b>Semester :</b> <b>Year</b>	<b>Course Name:</b> Practicum in Recreation & Leisure <b>Course ID:</b> Rec 4920 <b>Section:</b> 104 #12741
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**Course Description:** This course provides the opportunity for undergraduate students to assist on Recreation Studies outdoor skill-based courses. The intention of this position is to provide a mentorship opportunity that will enable the undergraduate teaching assistant (UGTA) the ability to develop critical leadership, technical-skills, group management, and teaching experience.

**Course Format:** The course is a combination of active participation in both classroom sessions and the weekend trip.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Through this course, the UGTA will be able to:

- Effectively create a well thought out and organized lesson plan
- Demonstrate the ability to deliver a lesson plan in the outdoors using a variety of teaching methods
- Demonstrate the technical and interpersonal skills associated with serving as an UGTA

**Required Material:**

1. Computer access with reliable internet connection
2. Appropriate clothing and equipment
3. Food and water for the weekend trip

**Additional Readings:**

- Online and as assigned by the GTA

**Equipment & Attire:** Appropriate dress must be worn at all classes. Acceptable dress will be dependent upon the activity and the weather, however, be prepared and appropriately dressed for the environment. Students who are inappropriately dressed for class or lab activity will be encouraged to remain and watch, but will not be allowed to participate and will not be eligible for any points associated with the class. A handout will be provided with more details.

**Course Evaluation:**

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Point Value</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Minimum two class meetings	10	10%
Reflection paper	20	20%
Class Trip (3 days )	30	30%
Skill & UGTA Evaluation	20	20%
Teach at least one lesson with lesson plan	20	20%
Total	100	100%

The following scale will determine final grades:

A 93-100	C 73-76
A- 90-92	C- 70-72
B+ 87-89	D+ 67-69
B 83-86	D 63-66
B- 80-82	D- 60-62
C+ 77-79	F Below 60

**Assignments:**

- **Attendance & Participation-** Attendance is necessary in order to foster the most beneficial learning experience for the UGTA. In addition, just showing up is not enough. You are expected to actively engage, in a positive manner, in the activity, while demonstrating exemplary expedition behavior. You are required to attend a minimum of two class sessions. You will also be required to meet with your GTA prior to the start of the course to create three goals in relation to your experience as a UGTA for the course. If you fail to meet this requirement, you can lose the opportunity to serve as a UGTA.
- **Reflection Paper-** The reflection paper should be 2-3 pages and include: your opinion of the concepts you learned, the benefits you received from class, if this activity is something you would like to continue exploring, and/or additional topics required by the GTA. Papers should be in Times New Roman, 12 point font, double spaced. The GTA may also require you to fill out a SWOT either in addition to or instead of the reflection paper.

- Teaching Lesson- You will be required to teach at least one lesson in the field on the weekend trip. You will work with the GTA leader on what lesson you feel most confident in leading the class. A lesson plan will need to be submitted to the GTA prior to delivering the lesson following the required format.
- Skill Evaluation- UGTA will be evaluated using two skill evaluations: 1. The course skill evaluation; 2. The UGTA evaluation. Both will be used as the basis for your final grade.
- Class Trip- The class trip is the second weekend after the class begins. This trip starts at the earliest time possible on Friday and will end Sunday evening. As part of this experience proper expedition behavior, following direction of the instructors, and coming prepared is expected.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
<b>Tue Day 1</b>	Intro & Course Overview Paperwork Course Philosophy Trip Overview	
<b>Thu Day 2</b>		
<b>Tue Day 3</b>		
<b>Thu Day 4</b>		
<b>Fri Day 5</b>	<b>Weekend Trip</b>	
<b>Sat Day 6</b>	<b>Weekend Trip</b>	
<b>Sun Day 7</b>	<b>Weekend Trip</b>	
<b>Tue Day 8</b>	Wrap-up & Reflection	Reflection paper due Final Exam (Due by 5pm on Friday)