



## ATBO-109 – Risk Management

### Business

**Effective Term & Year:** Fall 2025  
**Course Outline Review Date:** 2030-04-01

**Program Area:** Tourism, Recreation, & Hospitality

#### Description:

During this course, students focus on learning risk management strategies for the adventure tourism industry. They study concepts such as legal liability, risk mitigation, and standard of care. Additionally, students learn how to develop a risk management strategy that covers techniques for risk reduction, risk transfer, risk avoidance, and risk acceptance from both a management level and an employee level.

#### Program Information:

This is a required course of the Adventure Tourism Business Operations Certificate and Diploma.

**Delivery Methods:** On-campus (Face-to-Face)

**Credit Type:** College of the Rockies Credits

**Credits:** 3

#### Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	45
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	

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Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	45

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**Course Requisites:**

None

**Prior Learning and Recognition: Yes**

Students are able to request formal recognition of their prior learning or experience outside the classroom. Challenge examination, portfolio-assisted assessment, work-based assessment or a combination of assessments that is appropriate to identify, assess, and recognize prior skills, competencies, and knowledge to achieve course credit. Tuition fees apply, refer to Policy [2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition \(PLAR\)](#) or contact an education advisor for more information.

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**Course Transfer Credit:**

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> or <https://transferalberta.alberta.ca> . For more transfer credit information, please visit <https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrolment Services office.

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**Textbook Resources:**

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

A selected reading list will be provided to you at the start of course.

*Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.*

## Learning Outcomes:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- identify issues relating to legal liability and risk management in Adventure Tourism;
- demonstrate a foundational knowledge of the Canadian legal system with regards to both civil and common law;
- explain how precedent setting cases influence Adventure Tourism best practices;
- explain the role of insurance in Adventure Tourism;
- explain effects of litigation on the adventure industry;
- develop a risk management plan relating to the Adventure Tourism industry;
- describe the duties and actions of a guide as they relate to the risk management plan of an adventure tourism company; and
- explain key landmark cases in the Canadian legal system that relate to Indigenous Peoples governance and land sovereignty.

## Course Topics:

- Introduction to Risk Management
- The Canadian Legal System
- Insurance
- Risk Management Planning
- Risk Management Documents
- Waivers
- Safety Reviews

*See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.*

## Evaluation and Assessments

### Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face)

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Major Assignment	35%
Minor Assignment	10%
Quizzes/Mini Assignments	20%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

## Grade Scheme

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	<50

**Evaluation Notes:** A grade of “D” grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

### Evaluation Notes Comments:

*Please see the instructor syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments, and use of electronic aids.*

### Exam Attendance:

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a “0” on the exam.

### Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.1.4 Course Audit
- Policy 2.4.1 Credential Framework
- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct
- Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Feedback and Concerns
- Policy 2.4.11 Storage of Academic Works
- Policy 2.5.3 Student Appeal
- Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

### Equivalent Course(s) and Course Code Changes

Equivalent Course: Students who have received COTR credit for ATBO 109 may not receive additional credit for MAST 111.

### Course Changes:

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational,

employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.