



ATBO-132 – Canoe Guide Skills

Business

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2026

Course Outline Review Date: 2031-04-01

Program Area: Tourism, Recreation, & Hospitality

Description:

This course is designed to teach general knowledge of the sport and history of canoeing as well as to develop canoeing skills. Instruction is provided in teaching canoe strokes first on flat water and then progressing to develop these strokes to be effective on moving water. This is a Canoe Guide Certification course with the Recreational Canoe Association of BC. Successful students who pass the certification exam will be certified by the Recreational Canoe Association of BC.

Program Information:

This course is an elective course of the Adventure Tourism Business Operations Certificate and Diploma program.

Delivery Methods: On-campus (Face-to-Face), Practicum

Credit Type: College of the Rockies Credits

Credits: 2

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	48

Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	48

Course Requisites:

- Admission to the Adventure Tourism Business Operations program.

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.

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.

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:

RCABC Course Manual (will be provided on the 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:

- achieve certification as a Lake Water Leader and Day Guide (certified by the RCABC);
- develop proficiency at paddling canoes in a variety of environments, include both flat and moving water;
- demonstrate canoe instructional skills to either novice or intermediate students;
- demonstrate group management skills and guiding techniques appropriate for canoe trips;
- develop safety skills for canoe guiding, including capsized recovery and canoe rescue skills; and
- demonstrate canoeing skills on moving water.

Course Topics:

- Canoe History
- Canoe & Paddle Terminology
- Group Management
- Canoe Tripping Skills
- Canoe Strokes for flat water, and for moving water
- Maneuvers for flat water, and for moving water
- Canoe Rescue Techniques
- Effective Instructional Skills

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
Movement Skills	40%
Technical and Safety Skills	30%
Leadership Skills	30%
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

No pass requirements available.

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

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)
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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.