



ATBO-233 – Sea Kayaking Level 2

Business

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2023
Course Outline Review Date: 2028-04-01

Program Area: Tourism, Recreation, & Hospitality

Description:

This level 2 sea kayak guide training course exposes the student to the techniques and theory of ocean kayaking, equipment care and use, route selection, navigation, self rescue techniques, coastal kayaking hazard awareness, group management, tour guiding, and leadership. Coastal environment natural history topics are presented. Students learn ecologically sound ocean kayaking and camping techniques.

Program Information:

This is run as an examination course for the SKGABC AOG Certification course. Students meeting the certification criteria become certified as Assistant Overnight Guides (AOG) with The SKGABC (Sea kayak Guides Alliance of BC). This course is an elective course of the Adventure Tourism Business Diploma program. It is typically taken in the second year of ATBO studies.

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	80
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	80

Course Requisites:

- Completed the following:
 - [ATBO133](#) – Sea Kayaking Level 1 (2)

Flexible Assessment: Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. 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:

Required Reading:

Nautical Chart, 1:40,000 Clayquot Sound #3673

Volume 6 – Discovery Passage & West Coast of Vancouver Island Tide and Current Tables; by The Canadian Hydrographic Service

Sea Kayaking Guides Alliance of BC Technical Guides Manual.

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:

- apply judgement and decision making in the coastal environment;
 - pilot using charts, compass, tide and current tables;
 - interpret, recognize and apply weather information;
 - create a route plan with contingency options;
 - use and maintain personal and group equipment;
 - control an ocean kayak using appropriate strokes;
 - demonstrate group management on water and land;
 - employ minimum impact camping and travel techniques;
 - perform controlled launching and landing in surf;
 - demonstrate familiarity with emergency communications and planning;
 - demonstrate a variety of assisted and solo recovery and rescue techniques;
 - identify a variety of shore and marine life; and
 - achieve certification as an Assistant Guide with The Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC.
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Course Topics:

Movement skills

- Kayak paddling skills
- Open coastal and surf zone skills
- Kayak rescues

Technical and safety skills

- Equipment
- Navigation
- Communication
- Weather assessment

Leadership Skills

- Trip preparation and planning
- Judgement and decision making
- Client care

- Environmental impact awareness

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
SKGABC Required Skills	70%
SKGABC Theory Exam	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

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's 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 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.5.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

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.