



ATBO-235 – Raft Guide Skills Level 2

Business

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2022

Course Outline Review Date: 2026-04-01

Program Area: Tourism, Recreation, & Hospitality

Description:

Students will learn practical skills in white water raft guiding for personal trips to prepare themselves for employment in the commercial white-water raft guiding industry. Students will continue to work on the white-water raft handling skills and experience that they developed in the Raft Guide Skills Level 1 course. Students will learn on the upper glacier-fed waters of the Kicking Horse River, and other Rocky Mountain rivers around Golden, BC. At the conclusion of this course, students will have the opportunity to challenge the BCROA (BC River Outfitters Association) Oar Guide Exam.

Program Information:

This course is an elective course of the ATBO Program. When this course is taken in conjunction with ATBO 230 Swift Water Rescue, and ATBO 135 Raft Guide Skills Level 1, it can lead to professional certification as a white water raft guide with the BCROA (BC River Outfitters Association).

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	40
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	40

Course Requisites:

- Complete all of the following
 - Completed the following:
 - [ATBO135](#) – Raft Guide Skills Level 1 (2)
 - Completed or concurrently enrolled in:
 - [ATBO230](#) – Swift Water Rescue Technician (2)

Flexible Assessment: No

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:

Bennett, J. (1996). *The complete white water rafter*, Ragged Mountain Press.

BCROA Certification Guide

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <http://go.cotr.bc.ca/tuition/tCalc.asp> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- identify and understand river dynamics;
- identify and utilize all rafting equipment, related safety gear and equipment;
- demonstrate river rescue techniques and self-rescue techniques; and
- maneuver the raft in up to class 3 water, using oar and paddle strokes.

Course Topics:

- Personal clothing and safety gear
- River safety briefings, trip leadership
- Raft and gear rescues in white water
- Dealing with emergency scenarios
- Reading white water, scouting rapids, picking a line
- Oar and Paddle guide maneuvering in class 2 and 3 white water

OPTIONAL COURSE TOPICS:

- River expedition meal planning, packing, and field cooking
- Expedition camp skills
- Challenging the BCROA Guide Exam (written and practical)

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	50%
Technical and Safety Skills	30%
Leadership Skills	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

Pass requirements: None

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
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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.