



MAST-168 – Canoe Guide

Business

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2024

Course Outline Review Date: 2029-03-01

Program Area: Tourism, Recreation, & Hospitality

Description:

Building upon skills learned in Canoe Skills, students can be certified at the Day Guide level providing they meet the Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia standards. Students will also complete components of and work towards the Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia Expedition Guide level. Students will develop solid moving water skills in an open canoe as well as leadership and instructional skills. Students will assess and manage risk, manage a group on and off the water and practice decision making as per river running and rescue. In addition, students will practice meal preparation and hygiene, group camping skills, Leave No Trace and interpretive skills.

Program Information:

MAST 168 Canoe Guide course is an elective component of the MAST Certificate.

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

Credit Type: College of the Rockies Credits

Credits: 2

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	10
Seminar/Tutorials	

Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	40
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	50

Course Requisites:

- Completed the following:
 - [MAST144](#) – Canoe Skills (2)

Flexible Assessment: Yes

Students are able to request formal recognition of their prior learning or experience outside the classroom. Challenge examination, portfolio-assisted assessment, or work-based assessment are used 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:

Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia Instructor Manual, 2024, 9th Ed.

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:

- perform maneuvers and strokes in a tandem open canoe on Class 2 and 3 river rapids;
- identify, develop and practice leadership skills both on and off the water;
- assess and manage risk pertaining to lakewater and moving water environments;
- conduct a pre-trip safety meeting;
- lead rescues and navigate scenarios requiring decision making and judgement;
- improve coaching and instructional skills with paddling and interpretation;
- navigate a river environment using mapping tools and river data;
- select and organize a campsite;
- cook group meals, manage a group kitchen and follow systems for waste management, and
- follow Leave No Trace principles.

Course Topics:

- River Running
- Canoe Maneuvers and Strokes
- Rescue
- Leadership
- Guiding
- Instructional Skills
- Decision Making
- Group and Risk Management
- Planning
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Natural History
- Interpretation
- Camping and Cooking Skills
- Navigation

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
Pass when 2 or fewer weaks are recorded, excluding a weak for Communication or Paddle and Rescue skills	
Conditional Pass when 3 or fewer weaks are recorded, excluding a weak mark for Communication or Paddle and Rescue skills	
Fail when 4 or more weaks are recorded, or a weak mark for Communication or Paddle and Rescue skills	
Total	100%

Grade Scheme

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Completed to the minimum defined standard	No credit granted – less than minimum defined standard

Pass requirements: None

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

Prior Course Code: MAST 164 Flatwater Canoe Instructor

New Course Code: MAST 164 Canoe Guide Certification

Date changed: June 2018

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.