

# OUTDOOR RECREATION STUDIES (MINOR)

Minor: Outdoor Recreation Studies  
Program Code: M111

## About This Minor. . .

The minor in Outdoor Recreation Studies is designed to equip students with the basic knowledge and skills needed to grow as a professional in the outdoor recreation industry. Students will learn how outdoor recreation impacts economies, communities, tourism and the environment. All of the course work is rooted in leadership. The minor will encourage every student to pursue their own outdoor passion.

Note: Additional fees are required throughout the Outdoor Recreation Studies minor for equipment and gear during field days.

## Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

**To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options."** This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

## Institutional Degree Requirements

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU minors. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- A minor consists of 15-24 semester hours. There may be prerequisites required for the minor which will increase the total number of credit hours for a student who has not already taken those prerequisites.
- Courses taken to satisfy Essential Learning, major requirements, or electives **can** be counted toward the minor if applicable.
- At least 33 percent of the credit hours required for the minor must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- At least 25 percent of the classes must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher for the courses used for the minor.
- A minor is not a degree by itself and must be earned at the same time as a baccalaureate degree.
- A minor must be outside the major field of study.
- A student may earn up to five minors with any baccalaureate degree at CMU.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements sheet you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

## Program Specific Minor Requirements

(23 hours required)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<i>Required Courses:</i>		
OREC 100	Leave No Trace	1
OREC 104	Orienteering	1
OREC 105	Backpacking	1
OREC 205	Foundations of Outdoor Recreation Industry Studies	3
OREC 405	Outdoor Recreation Leadership, Programming, Education, and Assessment	3
<i>Choose a total of 2 hours from the following list:</i>		2
OREC 108	Stand Up Paddle Boarding	
OREC 109	Kayaking	
OREC 110	River Rafting	
OREC 112	Rock Climbing II	
OREC 135	Backcountry Winter Travel	
<i>Choose a total of 12 hours from the following list:</i>		12
OREC 305	Outdoor Industry Business	
OREC 311	Avalanche Rescue Techniques and Theory	
OREC 312	Swiftwater Rescue Techniques and Theory	
OREC 313	Rock Climbing Instructor and Rope Rescue	
OREC 315	Professional Outdoor Guide	
OREC 335	Public Lands Management	
OREC 350	Nature-Based Interventions for Individual and Community Health	
<i>Total Credit Hours</i>		23

## Advising and Graduation Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a minor. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and developing a suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended minor.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a minor. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head for the minor. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

## Graduation Process

A minor cannot be awarded by itself. It must be combined with a baccalaureate degree outside the major field of study. Students should follow the graduation process outlined for the baccalaureate degree and list their majors and minors on the "Intent to Graduate" form.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.