Outdoor Pursuits
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Required Text: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION
A comprehensive introduction to outdoor activities including hiking, camping, paddling, cooking outdoors, and survival skills. Learn how to manage risks and safety outdoors, develop outdoor leadership skills, and learn to adventure outdoors while leaving no trace.

PURPOSE OF COURSE
● Understand historical and social contexts for outdoor recreation.
● Cultivate an understanding of how outdoor adventures intersect with environmental sustainability, and learn to leave no trace in the outdoors.
● Learn and practice how to:
  o Navigate using a topographic map, compass, and natural features
  o Prepare and pack for outdoor trips, including weather forecasting
  o Assess, manage, and mitigate risk outdoors
  o Identify and enjoy regional flora, fauna and wildlife
  o Select and set up a campsite, camp kitchen, campfire
  o Manage water safety, paddle, and kayak

 Marketable Skills – The following marketable skills are met in this course:
  o Collaboration – students will interact with one another through a multitude of class discussions and activities
  o Communication –
  o Critical Thinking –
Attendance
Attendance for class is mandatory. Every class day is a grade. You will receive 100% credit for being on time, 75% credit for being tardy. One letter grade will be deducted for every absence after four (4).

GRADING POLICIES/TESTING/ASSIGNMENTS/ATTENDANCE/EXPECTATIONS

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Distance Education Statement
Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university’s academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students’ identities and to protect students’ information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

Accidents & Injuries
In the case of bodily or personal property damage, the Kinesiology Department will not be held responsible. The student must report any field experience related injury or illness to the Instructor immediately. Any expense incurred due to injury or illness will be the student’s responsibility.

Academic Integrity Statement
Academic dishonesty hurts everyone and reduces the value of college degrees. Doing someone else’s work, presenting the ideas and work of others as your own, submitting the same paper for multiple classes, and/or failing to cite your sources when you utilize the ideas of others, are all examples of academic dishonesty. It is your responsibility to read and understand the university’s policy on academic dishonesty in the SRSU Student Handbook, as all violations will be taken seriously and handled through the appropriate university process. The Student Handbook can be found at: https://www.sulross.edu/page/2454/student-handbook (page 80).

In addition, please note that plagiarism detection software will be used in this class for written assignments, as well as monitoring software for course exams.

Academic Civility Statement
Students are expected to interact with professors and peers in a respectful manner that enhances the learning environment. Professors may require a student who deviates from this expectation to leave the face-to-face (or virtual) classroom learning environment for that particular class session (and potentially subsequent class sessions) for a specific amount of time. In addition, the professor might consider the university disciplinary process (for Academic Affairs/Student Life) for egregious or continued disruptive behavior.

Academic Affairs Service Statement
Sul Ross faculty, staff, and students are expected to model responsible citizenship through service activities that promote personal and academic growth while enhancing the university, local, regional, national, and global communities. These activities will foster a culture of academic/public engagement that contributes to the achievement of the university’s mission and core values.

**Academic Excellence Statement**

Sul Ross holds high expectations for students to assume responsibility for their own individual learning. Students are also expected to achieve academic excellence by:

- Honoring the core values of Sul Ross.
- Upholding high standards of habit and behavior.
- Maintaining excellence through class attendance and punctuality.
- Preparing for active participation in all learning experiences.
- Putting forth their best individual effort.
- Continually improving as independent learners.
- Engaging in extracurricular opportunities that encourage personal and academic growth.
- Reflecting critically upon feedback and applying these lessons to meet future challenges.

**ADA Statement**

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. Students with qualifying disabilities who seek accommodations must initiate a request for a meeting for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact Rebecca Greathouse Wren, M.Ed., LPC-S, Counseling & Accessibility Services, Telephone: 432-837-8203, or E-mail: rebecca.wren@sulross.edu.

For more information see: [https://www.sulross.edu/page/1384/accessibility-services](https://www.sulross.edu/page/1384/accessibility-services)