



2024-2025

ADVENTURE EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MAJOR, B.A.

Science & Health Department; Shaw School of Sciences

Outdoor Recreation, Outdoor Leadership, Leadership Studies, Adventure Education... these are but a few of the terms generally associated with what Asbury calls Adventure Education and Leadership. At Asbury, Adventure Ed. is the Pedagogy AND the Curriculum, Leadership is the outcome. This is a growing field in higher education and in the job market. The Asbury University Center for Adventure Leadership (AUCAL) believes that:

- Adventure Leadership is Faith-based; all leadership study should be centered on the service leadership model of Christ illuminated in scripture.
- Adventure Leadership is Integrative; to embrace the conceptual framework of the liberal arts, learning should draw from a variety of disciplines.
- Adventure Leadership is Experiential; learning should be anchored by experience; our academics must have an equal focus on theory and praxis.

To graduate must complete all major requirements, foundational requirements, and additional electives needed for 124 hour minimum degree requirement.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (48)

(28 Core + 20 Concentration)

__2	AEL	100	Experiential Education – Theory...
__1	AEL	110	Experiential Facilitation Techniques
__1	PE	152	Basic Outdoor Skills

F.I.E.L.D. SEMESTER (16)

(Faith-based, Integrative, Experiential, Leadership Development)

Completion of above courses and Lifeguard Certification required for participation in these embedded courses

__3	AEL	200	Wilderness First Responder
__2	AEL	220	Adventure Skills I
__2	AEL	221	Adventure Skills II
__2	AEL	305	Teaching in the Outdoors
__3	AEL	350	Outdoor Program Design
__2	AEL	380	Outdoor Stewardship & Env Literacy
__2	AEL	381	Outdoor Christian Leadership

__2	AEL	382	Environmental Interpretation
__2	AEL	400	Therapeutic Adventure Programs
__2	AEL	415	Challenge Course Operation
__2	AEL	420	Leadership Lab

REQUIRED CONCENTRATION (choose one):

AELB - OUTDOOR BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION (20)

__3	SW	100	Intro to Social Work
__3	SW	211*	Encountering Poverty
__3	SW	251	Human Behavior/Social Env I
__3	SW	252	Human Behavior/Social Env II
__3	SW	302	SW Ethics & Contemporary Pract.
__3	SW	310	SW Practice: Individuals and Fam
__2	AEL	420	Leadership Lab

AELR - OUTDOOR RECREATION (20)

__2	AEL	370	Advanced Technical Skills
__2	AEL	420	Leadership Lab
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__3	BIO	217	Enviro. Science
__1	BIO	219	Enviro. Science Lab

__3	BU	211	Principles of Management
__3	HED	312	Nutrition/Health/Human Perf

Choose one additional Enviro. Science with Lab (4 credits total):

__4	BIO	221+223	Ecology	__ Lab
__4	BIO	227+229	Aquat/Wetland Bio	__ Lab
	BIO	272+274	Princ Plant Bio	__ Lab

AELE - ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (20)

__3	BIO	201	General Biology I
__3	BIO	202	General Biology II
__1	BIO	203	General Biology I Lab
__1	BIO	204	General Biology II Lab
__3	BIO	217	Enviro. Science
__1	BIO	219	Enviro. Science Lab

Complete two Env. sciences with labs (8 credits total):

__4	BIO	221+223	Ecology	__ Lab
__4	BIO	227+229	Aquat/Wetland Bio	__ Lab
	BIO	272+274	Princ Plant Bio	__ Lab

AELM - OUTDOOR MINISTRY AND DISCIPLESHIP (20)

__3	CM	201	Dynamics of Spiritual Growth
__3	CM	380	Organizational Strategies in Ministry
__3	CM	411	Leadership in Ministry

Choose three Ministry courses:

	CM	211	Instructional Bible Study
__3	EM	220	Teaching in the Church
__3	EM	340	Children's Ministry
__3	EM	360	Adult Ministry
	YM	350	Youth Ministry

Choose one Youth course:

	AEL	420	Leadership Lab
	YM	360	Youth and Culture
__2	YM	365	Youth and Evangelism
	YM	370	Pastoral Care of Youth
	CM/YM	393	Seminar

PLUS FOUNDATIONS REQUIREMENTS (52-55)

(1 hour Physical Education satisfied by required major courses.

*SW 211 satisfies Foundations Integration requirement if AELB is chosen.)

Plus electives needed for the 124 hour degree requirement (21-24)