Course Number: LEI 4350
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: None
Instructor: Dr. Shaun M. Boren; 474-2819; building 72, room 274; sboren@uwf.edu
Office Hours: Generally 9-5 weekdays, by appointment.
Course Meetings: Fridays 1-3pm. We start classes in 72, room 209 unless stated otherwise, but be dressed and prepared for going outside most days.
Course Fee: There is no fixed course fee, however you must attend an Outdoor Adventures day or overnight trip sometime during the semester, and these trips range from free to $550. Sign up at the HLS Facility Service Desk, which is downstairs as you enter the Recreation program spaces.

Course Description: This course is designed for physical education majors and others interested in learning about outdoor leisure. The emphasis will be on active participation and group instruction, as well as completing assignments using the outdoors to develop professionally and personally.

Student Learning Outcomes:
A. Describe the basic rules, etiquette, strategies, equipment, and play areas of each outdoor activity.
B. Review and explain the impacts of a nonfiction story about personal challenge in the outdoors.
C. Create a professional development plan connected with career goals and resume development.
D. Design an exam to cover an introductory body of knowledge about outdoor leisure.

Topics Covered: Outdoor leisure activities may include the challenge course, disc golf, sailing, canoeing, inner tube water polo, ultimate Frisbee, climbing, hiking, geocaching, horseshoes, bocce, and croquet. Interspersed with these activity days will be time devoted to several assignments designed to learn about and apply outdoor leisure concepts. When the weather doesn’t cooperate, we may also watch movies related to the outdoors.

Required Texts: You will select a nonfiction book, but it does not need to be purchased. Any additional readings will be emailed, posted on eLearning, or placed on library reserve.

Evaluation:
A. 40% Class Participation – This course is experiential, which means you must not only be present, but also ready (proper attire, Nautilus Card), and involved (actively engaged, exhibiting good sportsmanship). Each unexcused absence will result in a 4-point reduction of final grade (excused absences are outlined in your student handbook).
B. 10% Trip Participation – Attend an Outdoor Adventures trip during the semester. Trips range in price from free to $550, and they are reserved at the HLS Facility Service Desk on a first-come, first-serve basis. Trips do fill, so sign up early.
C. 20% Outdoor Leisure Exam Design: research the history, theory, standards, and trends of outdoor leisure; design short answer exam questions covering the topic, achieve consensus of design through class debate, and take the exam.
D. 20% Book Report: select a nonfiction book related to Outdoor Leisure, something with critical acclaim, awards, and/or bestseller; complete a summary and reflection paper; and pitch the book to the class.
E. 10% Professional Development Plan. Using time in and out of class, complete a plan towards attaining a dream job in your field: identify a dream job and why you want it, identify entry-level jobs that can get you to your dream job, update your resume, identify gaps in your experience necessary for the entry job, and create a plan to fill in the gaps.

**Grading:** The UWF scale is as follows: A 93 or higher, A- 90-9.29, B+ 87-89.9, B 83-86.9, B- 80-82.9, C+ 77-79.9, C 73-76.9, C- 70-72.9, D+ 67-69.9, D 60-66.9, F 59.9 or less.

**Attendance Information for Students Who Receive Financial Aid:**
If you miss class or do not complete the attendance record or task, you are absent. Only those absences that are defined in the University class attendance policy will be considered excused absences (http://catalog.uwf.edu/undergraduate/academicpolicies/general/). To receive financial aid on the normal distribution timeline, attendance must be confirmed within seven calendar days of the course start date. A student may review confirmed attendance status by using the "My Classes" app in MyUWF. A student who stops attending class for any reason will **not** automatically be withdrawn and will still be responsible for any missed work. A student who stops attending class may be awarded a grade of NF. This grade **may affect financial aid eligibility or require repayment of funds awarded.**

**Student Disability Resource Center Statement**
The University of West Florida supports an inclusive learning environment for all students. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that hinder your full participation, reasonable accommodations can be arranged. Prior to receiving accommodations, you must register with the Student Disability Resource Center by filling out an Enrollment Application. Appropriate academic accommodations will be determined based on the documented needs of the student. For information regarding the registration process, e-mail sdrc@uwf.edu or call (850) 474-2387.

**Emergency Information and Course Continuity Statement**
In the case of severe weather or other emergency, the campus might be closed and classes cancelled. Official closures and delays are announced on the UWF website and broadcast on WUWF-FM. WUWF-FM (88.1MHz) is the official information source for the University. Any pertinent information regarding closings, cancellations, and the re-opening of campus will be broadcast. In the event that hurricane preparation procedures are initiated, the UWF Home Web Page and MyUWF will both provide current information regarding hurricane preparation procedures, the status of classes, and the closing of the University. Emergency plans for the University of West Florida related to inclement weather are available on the following UWF web pages:

- [Hurricane preparedness](#)
- [Other emergency procedures](#)

**Academic Conduct and Plagiarism Statement**
The [Student Code of Conduct](#) (PDF) sets forth the rules, regulations, and expected behavior of students enrolled at the University of West Florida. Violations of any rules, regulations, or behavioral expectations may result in a charge of violating the Student Code of Conduct. It is the student’s responsibility to read the Student Code of Conduct and comply with these expectations. The [Academic Misconduct Policy](#) (2009) defines various forms of academic misconduct and describes the procedures an instructor should follow when he or she suspects that a student has violated the Academic Misconduct Policy.
Outdoor Leisure

Student Information

Name:
Major:
Year:
Outdoor leisure experience:

Personal goals for this course:

A.

B.

Interested in which outdoor leisure activity in class and why?

Initial ideas for a book related to outdoor leisure?
Student/Instructor Contract

Student, by signature below, acknowledges and understands:

A. individual responsibilities and requirements for this course.
B. tardiness, lack of participation, or improper attire may be counted as an unexcused absence.
C. absences and make-up plans must be coordinated ahead of time with the instructor if possible.
D. skill or knowledge deficiencies should be reconciled with the student presenter or instructor prior to any skill or knowledge testing.
E. any problems encountered in the class should be discussed with the instructor immediately.
F.
G.

Instructor, by signature below, acknowledges they will:

A. assist student in any matter pertaining to the class, particularly knowledge and skill attainment.
B. treat each student fairly and with respect.
C. meet students at mutually convenient times if not possible during regular office hours.
D. provide feedback on participation as outlined in the syllabus.
E. provide information on student grades at scheduled intervals or as requested by the student.
F.
G.

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Student signature                     Date                     Instructor signature                     Date