



2025-2026

### 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
__ 4	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
__ 4	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:

__ 3	CM	211	Instructional Bible Study
__ 3	EM	220	Teaching in the Church
__ 3	EM	340	Children's Ministry
__ 3	EM	360	Adult Ministry
__ 3	YM	350	Youth Ministry

Choose one Youth course:

__ 2	AEL	420	Leadership Lab
__ 2	YM	360	Youth and Culture
__ 2	YM	365	Youth and Evangelism
__ 2	YM	370	Pastoral Care of Youth
__ 2	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)**