

# Outdoor Education Leadership Program

## Seidel School of Education

### PROGRAMS

#### MAJOR

- Outdoor Education Leadership (B.A.)

#### MINOR

- Outdoor Education Leadership

#### What Is Outdoor Education Leadership (ODEL)?

ODEL majors enact the philosophies, theories and practices of environmental, experiential and leadership education by:

- Becoming proactive stewards of the environment
- Learning and teaching beyond classroom boundaries
- Developing adventure-based leadership skills



Programs are committed to:

- **Equipping** students with essential skills for safely planning and leading outdoor excursions. Courses are available in Wilderness Emergency Care, Wilderness Navigation, Canoeing, Kayaking, Camping and Backpacking, Scuba Diving, Outdoor Leadership Techniques, Camp Management and Leadership, and Adventure Programming – both water-based and backcountry.
- **Engaging** students as leaders in the natural world and to facilitate appreciation, understanding and preservation of the natural environment. Leave-no-trace ethics are taught and carefully observed as students become leadership stewards of the environment.
- **Expanding** student aptitudes for leadership, professional and interpersonal communication, risk management, and crisis decision making. Program courses are specifically designed to push individual comfort zones. Participants should expect rigorous challenges, ranging from full-length research papers on leadership disasters to winter hiking and backpacking on the Appalachian Trail.

*“Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.”*

— Sheryl Sandberg (Facebook Chief Operating Officer)



*“Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.”*

— Peter F. Drucker

#### Adventures in Education

With both a major and a minor, ODEL courses at Salisbury University take learning beyond the boundaries of the traditional classroom. Students develop a broad variety of leadership skills in an atmosphere that combines discovery and adventure. Core components of the program include stewardship of the environment, leadership and risk management. The faculty and staff of the Outdoor Education Leadership

### WHY SU FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION LEADERSHIP?

- Experience this prime location for SU's unique program
- Learn from dedicated faculty who are experts in the field
- Obtain job-ready certifications



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### Expand Your Horizons

ODEL classes offer practical preparation for a growing job market. Graduates of the program acquire skills that can be used in camp leadership, state and national park services, and interpretive programs. Job-ready certifications include Canoeing and Kayaking, Wilderness First Aid, and Scuba Diving. Internships are available upon request and can provide ideal preparation for prospective employers. An outdoor education leadership minor is also an excellent complement for any major, as it offers an alternative approach for developing valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, risk management and responsible decision-making.

One important and unique feature of SU's ODEL Program is its focus on camp leadership. Few outdoor education programs really focus on this subject area, which includes strategies for designing programs, understanding and responding appropriately to the various developmental stages of children, and training and hiring camp staff.



*“Education, if it means anything, should not take people away from the land, but instill in them even more respect for it.”*

— Wangari Maathai



### Potential Careers

Graduates of the ODEL Program experience hands-on learning and develop effective leadership, risk management, communication and outdoor skills, which apply to many careers:

- State and National Park Ranger
- Outdoor Business Leader
- Camp and Conference Center
- Program Director
- Corporate Leadership Developer
- Wildlife and Natural Resources Manager
- Natural Resources Police Officer
- Adventure Programmer and Outfitter
- Outdoor Youth Leader
- Wilderness Instructor
- Wilderness Therapist

### Multi-Modal Course Delivery

- **Traditional:** face-to-face
- **Hybrid:** a combination of online and face-to-face meetings
- **Online:** classes meet online through SU's MyClasses platform
- **Travel:** classes meet on location in the wilderness or travel to destination

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