

# University of Utah College Credit Information

Since 1980 NOLS and the University of Utah have partnered to offer college credit to NOLS students. This credit is administered by the University's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT), one of the few fully accredited programs of its type west of the Mississippi. Additionally, some NOLS courses offer 4 hours of credit through the University's Biology Department.

Abbreviated descriptions of University of Utah courses offered through NOLS can be found on page 8.

## Receiving Credit

Complete the following steps at least *ten days* prior to your course start date:

- 1) Complete and return the University of Utah College Credit Registration form to NOLS. (This form is included in your enrollment packet, or found online under our college credit link: [www.nols.edu](http://www.nols.edu).)
- 2) Submit payment of \$65.00 per credit hour payable to NOLS. (NOTE: *The cost per credit is subject to change approximately every two years.*)

**Registration and payment is required *before* your NOLS course begins.**

In order to receive college credit for your NOLS course, registration and payment for credit is due before your course begins. Credit cannot be awarded retroactively.

## Transcripts

To receive an official transcript, or have one sent to your school, **you must make a request directly to the University of Utah after your NOLS course is over.** You'll find the instructions online here:

<http://www.sa.utah.edu/regist/transcripts/transcripts.htm>.

Transcripts are not available until after the close of the term into which your course falls. Please refer to the following chart.

NOLS Course Start Date	Transcript Availability Date
December 29 – March 31	July 1
April 1 – August 15	September 30
August 16 – December 28	February 10

## Requesting your University of Utah Transcripts

<http://www.nols.edu/alumni/contact/transcripts.shtml>

It is the students responsibility to request transcripts from the University of Utah

**Requests for early report of grades** will be accommodated if they are made in advance of your course start date. Please contact the NOLS registrar at [registrar@nols.edu](mailto:registrar@nols.edu) with any requests or questions.

## Schools Accepting Credit

Many colleges and universities will accept the transfer of the University of Utah credit available for a NOLS course. A list of schools that NOLS has pre-arranged agreements with is available in the NOLS catalog and online at: [www.nols.edu](http://www.nols.edu).

Other schools make decisions regarding credit transfer on an individual basis. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for the transfer of credit. Students are encouraged to make these arrangements prior to taking a NOLS course; this can prevent disappointment later.



## **Eligibility**

High school graduates or the equivalent may register for University of Utah college credit. Current high school students must have completed their junior year with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above, and must submit an official transcript with their registration form to verify their status.

## **Graduate Credit**

All courses offered through the University of Utah Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism are available at the graduate level (except PRT 6055: Expedition Planning). Additional coursework is required. Indicate on page 2 of the registration form that you are pursuing graduate credit and detailed information will be sent to you.

## **Wilderness First Responder Credit**

College credit is also available for the Wilderness First Responder (WFR). Due to administrative logistics the WFR requires separate registration and payment. If your NOLS course includes a WFR, detailed registration information will be sent to you approximately 30 days before the course begins.

For additional information, please contact the NOLS Registrar at 800-710-6657 ext. 2240 or e-mail at [Registrar@nols.edu](mailto:Registrar@nols.edu)

Please note that you will receive WFR training as part of your semester (only certain semesters) regardless of whether you register for the credits. You need only return the registration form and payment of \$300.00 if you'd like to earn the 3 college credits.

The WFR college credit registration form may be found at; <http://www.nols.edu/enrolled/admissionforms/index.shtml#cc>

We are not able to accept late registration and payment for the WFR credits. No exceptions will be made.

## **College Credit Refunds**

If you withdraw from college credit registration prior to the start of your NOLS course the registration fee will be refunded to you minus a \$25 processing fee.

Students who separate from their NOLS course while in progress may be awarded college credit based on the duration and quality of their participation. Credit for separated students is awarded at the discretion of the NOLS branch staff and instructors. The expense for any college credit not awarded to a separated student will be refunded, minus a \$25 processing fee.

## **University of Utah Information**

The University of Utah and the National Outdoor Leadership School are entirely separate entities and no agency or employee relationship exists between them. The University's responsibility is to a prior review of course content and instructor qualification to insure appropriate academic relevance and competence and exercises no responsibility or authority over the conduct of the instructors or other employees or agent of NOLS.

## **Questions?**

Contact: NOLS Registrar

Phone: 800-710-6657 Ext. 2240

E-mail: [registrar@nols.edu](mailto:registrar@nols.edu)



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This chart indicates the University of Utah courses and number of credits offered for each NOLS course. Students may register for any number of UUT courses up to the total offered. UUT course descriptions follow this chart.

### Semesters and Year-Long Courses

NOLS Course	TOTAL CREDITS	Biology <i>BIO 1970-070</i>	Environmental Studies <i>ENVST 3011</i>	Leadership Techniques <i>PRT 3041</i>	Skills Practicum <i>PRT 3042</i>	Risk Management <i>PRT 3043</i>	Outdoor Educator <i>PRT 3044</i>	Expedition Planning <i>PRT 3045</i>	WFR <i>HEDU</i>
Alaska	16	4	2	2	6	2			
Amazon	16	4	2	2	4	4			
Australia	16	4	2	2	4	4			
Baja <i>Spring or Fall</i>	16	4	2	2	6	2			
East Africa <i>Spring or Fall</i>	14	4	2	2	4	2			
Borders	16	4	2	2	6	2			
India <i>Spring or Fall</i>	16	4	2	2	4	4			
New Zealand <i>Spring or Fall</i>	16	4	2	2	6	2			
Outdoor Educator <i>Spring or Fall</i>	19	4	2	2	4	2	2		3
Pacific Northwest	16	4	2	2	6	2			
Patagonia <i>Spring or Fall</i>	16	4	2	2	4	4			
Patagonia Year	27	4	2	4	6	4	2	2	3
Rockies <i>Spring/ Summer/ Fall</i>	16	4	2	2	6	2			3
Sonoran Year	27	4	2	4	8	4		2	3
Southwest <i>Spring Or Fall</i>	16	4	2	2	6	2			
Yukon	16	4	2	2	6	2			



Standard Courses									
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<i>Rocky Mountain</i>									
Wind River Wilderness	6		2	2	2				
Wind River Wilderness <i>23 Or 40 And Over</i>	2		2						
Light & Fast Backpacking	2		2						
Absaroka Backpacking	6		2	2	2				
Orvis Wilderness Fly Fishing	6		2	2	2				
Wind River Mtneering	6		2		2	2			
Gannett Peak Mtneering	2				2				
Rock Climbing <i>21 Day</i>	4				2	2			
Rock Climbing <i>30 Day</i>	6		2		2	2			
Rock & River	6				4	2			
Whitewater River Expedition	2				2				
Wilderness Horse Packing	4		2		2				
Wilderness Horse Packing <i>23 And Over</i>	2		2						
Rocky Mtn Outdoor Educator	4					2	2		
Rocky Mtn Outdoor Ed. w/ WFR	7					2	2		3
<i>Teton Valley</i>									
Salmon Backpacking & Rafting	6		2	2	2				
Winter Outdoor Educator	4					2	2		
Snowboard	2				2				

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<i>Teton Valley(Continued)</i>									
Skiing	2				2				
Skiing 23 And Over	2				2				
<i>Pacific Northwest</i>									
Pacific NW Backpacking	6		2	2	2				
Pacific NW Trip Leader	2			2					
North Cascades Mtneering	6		2		2	2			
North Cascades Mtneering 23 And Over	2		2						
Waddington Range Mtneering	6		2		2	2			
Pacific NW Outdoor Educator 24 Day	4		2			2			
Pacific NW Outdoor Educator 31 Day	6		2			2	2		
Pacific Northwest Sea Kayaking and Sailing	6		2	2	2				
<i>Southwest</i>									
Southwest Outdoor Educator	6		2	2			2		
Southwest Lightweight Backpacking	2				2				
<i>Alaska</i>									
Alaska Sea Kayaking	6		2	2	2				
Alaska Sea Kayaking 23 Or 40 And Over	2				2				
Alaska Backpacking	6		2	2	2				

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<i>Alaska (continued)</i>									
Alaska Backpacking & Sea Kayaking	6		2	2	2				
Brooks Range Backpacking & River	8		2	2	4				
Brooks Range Backpacking	2		2						
Alaska Pack Rafting	6		2	2	2				
Alaska Outdoor Educator Backpacking & Kayaking	6		2			2	2		
Denali Mtneering	6		2		2	2			
Alaska Mtneering	6		2		2	2			
Alaska Mtneering <i>23 And Over</i>	2		2						
<i>Yukon</i>									
Yukon Backpacking	6		2	2	2				
Yukon Backpacking & Canoeing <i>30 Day</i>	6		2	2	2				
Yukon Outdoor Educator	6		2			2	2		
<i>Mexico</i>									
Baja Sea Kayaking	4		2	2					
Baja Sea Kayaking <i>23 And Over</i>	2		2						
Baja Coastal Sailing	4		2	2					
<i>Patagonia</i>									
Patagonia Mtneering	6		2		2	2			
Patagonia Sea Kayaking	2		2						
Patagonia Backpacking & Fly Fishing	2		2						

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<i>Australia</i>									
Australia Backpacking	6		2	2	2				
Australia Backpacking & Sea Kayaking	8		2	2	4				
<i>New Zealand</i>									
New Zealand Backpacking	6		2	2	2				
<i>Amazon</i>									
Amazon River Basin Exp.	8		2	2	2	2			
<i>India</i>									
Himalaya Backpacking	6		2	2	2				
Himalaya Mtneering	8		2	2	2	2			
<i>Scandinavia</i>									
Scandinavia Sea Kayaking and Backpacking	6		2	2	2				
Scandinavia Sea Kayaking	6		2	2	2				
Scandinavia Backpacking	6		2	2	2				
Scandinavia Backpacking <i>23 And Over</i>	2		2						
<i>Instructor Courses</i>									
Mountain/River/Sail/Kayak	6		2			2	2		
Professional Instructor Course	2			2					



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## Course Descriptions

Full course syllabi can be found online at: <http://www.nols.edu/courses/credit/uofu.shtml>

### **BIO 1970-070: Concepts in Biology: Natural History of Regional Ecosystems**

Through immersion in a wilderness setting, class work, and guided "teachable moments" students develop knowledge of local biota. Field natural history and basic field ecology are key to our exploration and minimization of human effects on ecosystems. (4 credits)

### **ENVST 3011: Environmental Studies, Leave No Trace, and Leadership**

This environmental studies course supports the mastery of "Leave No Trace" principles and development of the teaching and social skills necessary to effectively pass these ethics on to others. This is accomplished in an independent learning community immersed in a remote wilderness environment. (2 credits)

### **PRT 3041: Natural Resources Learning: Group Leadership Techniques**

Students learn and practice advanced levels of outdoor leadership. Areas of emphasis include high accountability standards, communications, group organization, teamwork, and expedition ethics. (2 credits)

### **PRT 3042: Natural Resources Learning: Wilderness Skills Practicum and Leadership**

Teaches safety and environmental care within the context of thorough competence in wilderness travel fundamentals. Students learn the skills to travel through the backcountry safely. Practicum areas are mountaineering, caving, sailing, winter snow travel, sea kayaking, canoeing, river travel, climbing, horse packing, and backpacking. (2 credits for each skill covered)

### **PRT 3043: Natural Resources Learning: Risk Assessment and Management, and Decision-Making on Land, Water or Snow**

Students learn and practice assessing and managing risks related to weather, climate, travel, and the human factor. Decision-making foundation, theory and communication are practiced. Risk assessment is evaluated on land, water and snow. (2 credits for each landscape covered)

### **PRT 3044: Natural Resources Learning: Outdoor Educator**

Uses a wilderness field setting to specifically emphasize the individual student's development as an outdoor leader and teacher through learning from and observing senior instructors and then applying these lessons as field instructors and leaders in turn. (2 credits)

### **PRT 3045: Natural Resources Learning: Expedition Planning**

Students learn wilderness expedition planning emphasizing route and navigation planning, emergency planning, food rations and healthy living planning, and planning for small community living. (2 credits)

### **HEDU: Wilderness First Responder (WFR)**

Offered by The Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS (WMI), this 80-hour section prepares outdoor professionals to make critical medical and evacuation decisions in remote settings.

