



CWC/NOLS

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Central Wyoming College (CWC) [Alpine Science Institute](#), is located in Lander, Wyoming in close proximity to NOLS World Headquarters. CWC and NOLS have partnered to offer college credit to students who complete NOLS expeditions. Several options exist to apply college credit from NOLS courses to programs offered at CWC. Students who have completed a NOLS expedition or wilderness medicine course may apply for Credit for Prior Learning through CWC to have their completed NOLS course apply toward any of the CWC degree programs below as college credit. The following options allow students to jump-start their academic and professional careers in the backcountry and reduce time spent on campus.



The [Associate of Science \(AS\) in Outdoor Recreation](#) is an appropriate degree for those who are looking to move in to a career in the outdoors. This program combines college credit for any NOLS course up to a semester in length with additional training in: public land management, recreation and tourism, environmental science, and outdoor skills such as backcountry skiing and snowboarding, mountain biking, rock-climbing, mountaineering, and whitewater rafting.



The [Associate of Arts \(AA\) in Outdoor Education and Leadership](#) is uniquely designed to launch careers leading others in the outdoors. OE & Leadership students live in rustic cabins at our outdoor education center with easy access to world-class rock-climbing, fly fishing, hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing. Students in this program can get college credit for any NOLS course ranging from one week to one full semester.





The **Associate of Science (AS) in Expedition Science program** integrates scientific research, field-based expeditions, and leadership development by building classroom curriculum around experiential learning. Expedition Science embraces contemporary science and technical skills in disciplines of environmental science, geospatial information science and technology (GIST), outdoor leadership, and archaeology. Expedition Science field projects allow students to travel and study in Wyoming's most remote deserts and mountains for extended periods of time. This program requires all students to complete at least one CWC or NOLS expedition.



The **Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Geospatial Information Science and Technology (GIST)** is designed for students wishing to gain a background in the field of the collection, analysis, and manipulation of geospatial data. Geospatial data is information that identifies the geographic location and characteristics of natural or constructed features and boundaries on the earth. GIST refers to the study of the supporting science, hardware, software, and data acquisition skills required to collect and synthesize geospatial data. A Geographic Information System (GIS) is one form of geospatial technology; global positioning systems (GPS) and remote sensing (RS) are others.



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