



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

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# Study Recreation Management and Policy: Outdoor Leadership and Management at UNH



University of  
New Hampshire

**YOUR STORY STARTS**

**HERE**

## **WHAT IS OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT?**

UNH's outdoor leadership and management program prepares students for work in outdoor programs, parks, and public or commercial recreation settings. Our graduates are guides, leaders, directors and managers of agencies that provide healthy outdoor activities for people across the lifespan. Our curriculum combines experiential learning in urban, rural and backcountry landscapes with a classic liberal arts education. You'll gain a solid foundation in the theories, philosophies and methods of outdoor recreation leadership and management while gaining skills in outdoor activities such as climbing, canoeing and backpacking. This program will prepare you for dynamic careers in outdoor education, adventure programming, outdoor recreation management, parks and protected areas management, youth and after-school programming, and conservation.

## **WHY STUDY OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT AT UNH?**

Ranked as one of Money Magazine's "10 best colleges for people who love the great outdoors," UNH is the premier academic setting for students pursuing careers in the outdoor industry. The outdoor industry is prominent in all areas of New Hampshire. There is no better place for honing your skills than in the state's towering mountains and cliffs, scenic coast and waterways, or iconic ski areas. This award-winning, internationally recognized program is the oldest nationally accredited program of its kind in the United States. As a student in outdoor leadership and management, you'll build competencies through coursework and an applied internship. You will gain the administrative, management and leadership skills necessary to work in a diverse array of public, private and non-profit outdoor organizations. Our program has 100% internship and job placement.

## **POTENTIAL CAREERS**

- State or national park ranger
- State or national park manager
- Municipal and commercial recreation director/adventure programmer
- College outdoor program/wilderness orientation program director
- Youth program director
- Nonprofit organization director
- Mountain and ski resort manager
- Recreation and wilderness program leader
- Outdoor business owner
- Outdoor and experiential educator or therapist

## **EXAMPLES OF WHERE OUR GRADUATES WORK**

- National Park Service
- New Hampshire State Parks
- United States Forest Service
- REI/Eastern Mountain Sports
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Bureau of Land Management
- Stratham Parks and Recreation Department
- Vail Resorts
- Acadia Mountain Guides
- Elements Wilderness Therapy
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- Tufts University

## **EXPERIENCE IN YOUR BACKYARD**

Students have access to a wealth of outdoor resources to practice skills, with nearby paddling in Great Bay, surfing on the Atlantic coast, climbing at Pawtuckaway State Park, and hiking and backpacking in the White Mountain National Forest.

## **RECREATION SOCIETY**

Connect with fellow students through the Recreation Society, a student organization promoting education, community service and networking opportunities for recreation management and policy students on campus.

**UNH labs are research powerhouses and our scientists are among the nation's best. The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education recently designated UNH one of the top research institutions in the country. Research at UNH attracts more than \$110 million in competitive external funding each year.**

# Core Requirements

## REQUIRED COURSES

***Field based experiences, at least three of the following:***

OUT 540	Top Rope Climbing
OUT 541	Management of Challenge Courses
OUT 551	Adventure Programming: Backcountry Based Experiences
OUT 552	Adventure Programming: Water Based Experiences

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OUT 550	Outdoor Education Philosophy and Methods
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OUT 681	Theory of Adventure Education
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OUT 686	Wilderness Emergency Medical Care
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OUT 786	Organization and Administration of Outdoor Education Programs
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***Leadership, select one:***

OUT 682	Experiential Teaching and Leadership
RMP 661	Recreation and Event Leadership

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RMP 490	Recreation and Leisure in Society
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RMP 501	Recreation Services for Individuals with Disabilities
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RMP 557	Program and Event Design
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RMP 563	Recreation Management and Policy Practicum
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RMP 654	Professional Development and Ethics
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RMP 764	Internship
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RMP 670	Management and Design of Recreation and Park Facilities
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RMP 711	Recreation Resource Management
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RMP 772	Law and Public Policy in Leisure Services
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***Field and classroom based electives include:***

OUT 546	White Water Canoeing
OUT 547	Lead Rock Climbing
OUT 549	Wilderness Navigation
RMP 559	Program and Event Marketing
RMP 603	New Hampshire Ski Industry Management
RMP 775	Entrepreneurial and Commercial Recreation

## EXAMPLES OF FURTHER EDUCATION

### ***Graduate Programs***

- Education
- Recreation management and policy
- Recreation administration
- Natural resources and park management
- Tourism management
- Outdoor education



“This is a program where the nature of the classes means you’re spending a lot of time with people and that naturally builds a community. At UNH, the opportunities are endless.”

— Chase Retrosi '20

Learn more at [chhs.unh.edu](https://chhs.unh.edu)

**99%**

Percent Recreation Management and Policy graduates employed in their field or pursuing further education

**300,000**

Hours of service to community agencies provided by CHHS students each year

**95%**

CHHS students who participate in at least one internship



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