

BSE525 Legal Aspects of Outdoor Programme Administration

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

BSE525 Legal Aspects of Outdoor Education addresses basic legal issues and law that affect the administration of outdoor education and outdoor recreation programmes. Students will be introduced to fundamental legal terminology, legal procedures, liability limiting agreements, defences against negligence, among others, during the seminars. Case studies will be presented to illustrate how legal concepts may be applied to mitigate complaints against programmers, schools, and outdoor enterprises. Understanding the legal issues will assist outdoor leaders and enterprises in conducting appropriate risk management for both the delivery of outdoor activities and for potential legal consequences that might arise from participation in those activities.

Topics:

- Duty of Care, Breach of Standard of Care, Causation and Damages
- Negligence – Medical Care, Supervision/Instruction, Failure to Warn
- Liability – Vicarious, Products, Premises, Co-participant
- Defenses Against Negligence
- Release and Waiver Agreement
- Role of Insurance in Legal Liability Matters

Textbooks:

G. Harrison, M. Erpelding: Outdoor Program Administration: Principles and Practices. 1 Human Kinetics
ISBN-10: 0736075372

Learning Outcome:

- Formulate personal narratives of legal issues and law in the administration of outdoor activities and programmes.
- Evaluate legal implications of negligence and breach of standard care.
- Evaluate processes of defense against negligence.
- Develop understanding of the intent and scope of release and waiver agreements.
- Compose release and waiver agreement.
- Develop understanding of the role of insurance in legal liability matters.
- Justify the type of insurance based on age, nature of activity, individual or group, participants' profile.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	15
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	35
Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Written Exam	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**