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- Academic Courses
- Leadership Training
- Professional Certifications
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- Equipment Rental
- Bike/Ski Shop
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Academic Courses

Course Term Offered
Bouldering Fall, Winter, Spring
Backpacking Fall, Spring
Canoeing Spring
Canyoneering Summer
Challenge Course Experience Fall, Winter, Spring
Ice Climbing Fall
Mountaineering 1 Winter, Spring
Mountaineering 2 Winter
Rafting Fall
Rock 1 Fall, Winter, Spring
Rock 2 Spring, Winter
Rock 3 Fall
Technical Rappelling Fall, Winter, Spring
Wilderness First Aid Spring, Winter
Wilderness Living Techniques Fall
Winter Backcountry Travel Winter

Leadership Courses

Course Term Offered
Back Country Leadership Fall
Challenge Course Facilitation Spring
Challenge Course Technician Fall
Human Group Dynamics Spring
Intro to Adventure Programming Fall, Winter, Spring
Teaching Techniques for Land Fall
Teaching Techniques for Water Spring
Teaching Techniques for CC Fall, Winter, Spring

Professional Courses

Course Term Offered
Canyon Leader Training Summer
Climbing Wall Instructor Fall, Spring
Raft Guide School Summer Break
Sport Climbing Instructor Fall
White Water Rescue Spring
Wilderness First Responder Winter, Winter & Spring Break
What is the Adventure Leadership Institute?

Originally founded in 1947, the Adventure Leadership Institute™ is the authority in adventure leadership education, providing awe-inspiring, transformative experiences to more than 9,500 Oregon State University students each year.

Our students, learn in the wildest and most remote classrooms in the Pacific Northwest — from the forest, to the high desert, to rugged cascade peaks and glaciers. Graduates are active leaders with lifelong leadership-oriented and environmental ethics and outdoor skills.

We are educators who develop and change students using experience as our textbook and the outdoors as our classroom.

ALI also offers informal and customized experiences through the ALI Challenge Course, the Climbing Centers, Bike and Ski Shop and the Adventure Club. ALI is the regional hub for SOLO Wilderness Medicine, the leading teacher of wilderness medicine worldwide, the Professional Climbing Instructors Association, and the ACA Raft Guide and White-water Rescue curriculum.
Unlike the other course offerings in the ALI program, the professional courses provide certifications from a number of nationally recognized organizations. Examples of some of the organizations we certify with or use standards from are listed below:

- PCIA Climbing Wall Instructor
- PCIA Sport Climbing Instructor
- SOLO Wilderness First Aid
- SOLO Wilderness First Responder
- ACA Raft Guide Training
- ACA White Water Rescue
- LNT Awareness Workshop
- LNT Trainer
- ACCT Level 1 Facilitator
- ACCT Level 2 Facilitator

Professional Partners
Oregon State University’s Learning Goals for Graduates:

- Competency and Knowledge in Multiple Fields
- Critical Thinking
- Pluralism and Cultural Legacies
- Collaboration
- Social Responsibility and Sustainability
- Communication
- Self-Awareness and Life-Long Learning

Adventure Leadership Institute’s Program Goals:

- Create a compelling experiential learning environment
- Increase the adaptive capacity of students to solve problems
- Contribute to developing intellectual, physical and interpersonal competence
- Employ robust reflective processes as core to the learning experience
- Use the outdoor learning environment as a way to foster the development of self-identity
- Contribute to the development of student leaders through opportunities to practice guiding and facilitation skills
Leadership through Adventure

“Why ALI? I realized that the skills learned in the ALI are skills that I would be using in future careers and even in the relationships I have with people.”

Emily Abrams
Digital Communication Arts Major
ALI Trip Leader

“Working with groups has enabled me to find my own voice and build a confidence of working with people in an interactive language. Seeing that I have had a positive impact on people over time is really rewarding.”

James Ivelich
Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering Major
ALI Facilitator

“ALI provides a classroom unlike any other in the world. Gritty, real examples of feedback and consequence based upon a person’s competency in certain areas. Tomorrow’s leaders are going to be faced with complex problems that require an uncommon command of skills and levels of competencies -- things like critical thinking, communication, problems solving, understanding groups, and working with diversities within that group.”

-Josh Norris | ALI Instructor/Director

What can ADVENTURE do for you?

Critical Thinking

How do you recognize and practice personal strengths and values?

At ALI you will develop intellectual, physical and interpersonal competence through classroom and group experiences.

Problem Solving

How do you practice solving real and challenging problems?

At ALI you will learn to recognize and interpret multiple sources of information and apply reasoning skills.

Self-Awareness

Where can you learn skills that help you function successfully in groups?

At ALI you will learn and practice valuable facilitation skills that aid in effective group projects and assignments.
Certification Tracks

Trip Leader Track

Facilitator Track

2 days of field time = 1 outing

8 hours of client contact = 1 program

Teaching Experience

(EXSS) Academic Course

(PAC) Activity Course

(AlI) Non-Credit Course
Non-credit courses, trips and clinics:
Courses that you can take that do not result in academic credit. These courses range from Climbing Wall Instructor courses to Whitewater Rafting courses and Ski/Snowboard tech classes.

Experiential Education:
Take your education out of the classroom. We use adventure and challenge catalysts to teach skills that have a real-world application. Adventure activities promote learning in areas of leadership, planning, communication, problem-solving and teamwork. Our staff can help you plan a practical experience to complement a course of study, to pursue group goals, or to just have fun.

Additional Programs & Services

Custom or contract groups
Challenge Course
From student organizations to resident halls, the challenge course can get your group interacting, while pushing personal limits and creating lasting memories.

Indoor Climbing Center
Want to add some spice to an event or party? Include our climbing center in your plans and get your group off the ground!

Adventure Trip
Provides the framework for constructing a custom trip that suits your group’s needs. We provide the gear and guides to make your trip a success.
Facilities & Services

**ALI Service Desk:**
The ALI service desk is a resource for students and faculty to rent outdoor equipment, and receive information about local recreation. The ALI Service Desk also houses the on campus bike, ski and snowboard shop and serves as a gateway to the outing portion of the ALI by providing information about the trips and enrolling participants.

**Dixon Climbing Center:**
At over 7000 sq ft. of climbing surface, the DCC features a universally accessible rappel station and loads of great lead climbing terrain. 42.5 ft tall walls and three different types of surface help make this premier training facility.

**MacAlexander (MAC) Climbing Center:**
A unique wall oriented towards instruction with stations for teaching crevasse rescue gear placement and multi-pitch climbing. With 4,500 square feet and a 60 foot long bouldering wall, the MAC Climbing Center is the place to go to hone your skills.

**OSU Adventure Club:**
Provides an opportunity for the OSU community to go on adventure trips led by ALI students

**Bike/Ski & Snowboard shop:**
Recourses, tools, and techs help students learn to maintain and repair bikes, skis and snowboards

**Outdoor Equipment Rental:**
Provides the OSU community with the equipment and gear needed for personal outings

**Challenge Course:**
The Challenge Course serves as the arena for the facilitator track in the ALI program. Students with interest in becoming a facilitator will take introductory courses through advanced professional courses held at the OSU Challenge Course. As well, it serves as the facility for rental programming.
Experience/Employment Opportunities

With experience being a key component of your learning, employment and internships are available. These are hands down the coolest jobs on campus!

- Teaching assistants for activity classes
- Trip leaders for club outings
- Indoor Climbing Center staff
- Outdoor Recreation Center staff
- Challenge Course Staff
ALI Staff Locations

Challenge Course Staff
While working with a variety of groups at the OSU challenge course you’ll see participants stepping out of their comfort zones and celebrating their individual and group successes. By following the facilitator track you will be running low course elements or operating the high course zip line, all the while gaining valuable skills in group facilitation and leadership. Come explore the challenge course and its unique and life changing potential.

Requirements:
- ALI Level One Facilitator Certificate
- Climbing Wall Instructor Certification

Field Staff
Work with instructors in the field to ensure the success of outings. Provide trip support by driving vans, helping students negotiate terrain, assisting instructors, and acting as a role model for other students within ALI.

Requirements:
- ALI Level One Trip Leader Certificate
- ALI Level Two Trip Leader Certificate Preferred

ALI Service Desk Staff
Work with others who are passionate about many aspects of outdoor recreation and ALI. The ALI Service Desk serves as the hub of ALI activity, from a full service bike shop to raft and canoe rentals for the white water enthusiast. Enjoy working with students to provide the essential support for our outdoor endeavors.

Requirements:
- ALI Level One Certificate Preferred

Climbing Center Staff
Work in the Indoor Climbing Centers in Dixon and McAlexander Field House. If you enjoy teaching others about climbing and helping students explore the ‘vertical’ world, this might be the job for you!

Requirements:
- Climbing Wall Instructor Certification
**Club Activity Coordinator**
Help organize and regulate the activities of the adventure club. Coordinators work in different activity areas so there are many possible adventures of focus.

Requirements:
- ALI Level Two Certificate

**ALI Logistics Support Staff**
Work to manage all the little details, schedules and loose ends that come up while running trips and programs. You’ll find plenty of challenge in coordinating trip leaders, students, and other staff.

Requirements:
- ALI Level Two Trip Leader Certificate

**Teaching Assistant**
Work with instructors to deliver ALI courses. Help by teaching skills, presenting materials, assisting on outings and other support duties.

Requirements:
- ALI Level Two Certificate
- Previously passed the course in which you are assisting
- Completed corresponding course discipline track