The Outdoor Recreation degree at Eastern Washington University is one of the most exciting and adventuresome professional degree program at any public university in America. This program is fully accredited by the National Recreation and Parks Association.

**Careers Opportunities**
This program qualifies individuals as outdoor leaders or resource managers for public and private organizations, including government and commercial agencies.

Program graduates have been successfully employed by agencies such as state parks and national parks, river rafting companies, public and private camps, adventure programs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as well as wilderness treatment centers and a variety of non-profit organizations related to the field of outdoor recreation.

**Knowledge and Skills**
The outdoor skill courses include whitewater rafting, wilderness backpacking, search and rescue, winter camping, outdoor leadership, wilderness first responder, wilderness survival, mountaineering and much more.

A student is able to take an afternoon whitewater rafting class, go rafting on the river and return to campus by 5 p.m.

No other public university offers a similar class with a real whitewater rafting experience.

**Curriculum**
Students of this program are immersed in their education and training where they receive a great deal of mentoring from select professional faculty.

All of the skill courses have a hands-on component which requires a student to show a certain level of competency.

Students learn outdoor skills as well as outstanding courses in the leadership, programming, administration, budgeting, legal liability, risk management and facility design plus more.

The program consists of 98 credit hours. In addition, the program requires 1500 hours of volunteer and/or paid experience in outdoor recreation and leisure.

These hours in a leadership role must be completed before the student begins his or her 10-week professional internship in the summer of their senior year.

**Special Features**
There are many special features that make The Outdoor Recreation degree an outstanding professional program.

The program has merged equipment and resources with the associated student funded outdoor program to better equip students in outdoor recreation classes.

A minor in challenge course management is currently being developed and should be available to students in fall of 2008.

This exciting minor will meet the professional training guidelines of the Association for Challenge Course Technology. Besides challenge course training, there are other elective outdoor skill courses including whitewater kayaking, winter leadership skills, alpine skiing, SCUBA, canoeing and more.

Eastern Washington University is located close to an exciting whitewater river and many outstanding alpine ski and snowboard resorts.
Preparation for Admission
Due to the adventuresome nature of the skill courses, outdoor recreation majors must be able to swim and in good physical condition. For more information on this program please visit department website at: http://www.ewu.edu/pehr In addition, students must be able to demonstrate basic computer competency prior to graduation. General university requirements apply for admission and graduation.

Prospective students of EWU can apply online via http://www.ewu.edu/admissions or contact the Office of Admissions at (509) 359-2397 to request an application.

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The University
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney, Washington within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. EWU’s mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires EWU’s future.

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