



CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

COURSE OUTLINE			
TERM: Fall 2025		COURSE NO: WLP 137	
INSTRUCTOR:		COURSE TITLE: Sea Kayaking I	
OFFICE:	LOCAL:	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 2
E-MAIL:			
OFFICE HOURS:			
COURSE WEBSITE:			

Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

COURSE FORMAT

6 overnight field days with one day pre-trip meeting. (80 contact hours)

COURSE PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES

REC 148 and WLP 149 as pre- or co-requisites

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on each student's ability to make safe leadership decisions, manage groups on the ocean, choose campsites, facilitate launches, and provide appropriate client care and instruction. Students may also earn certification and technical skills as part of the Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC, Outdoor Council of Canada (OCC) and/or Paddle Canada curricula, if industry certificate requirements are met.

COURSE NOTE

This course consists of one pre-trip planning session plus a six-day overnight field trip.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES:

Readings and/or textbooks may be required

Optional Reference: OCC Field Manual and/or Paddle Canada Sea Kayaking Manual and/or SKGABC Guide's Technical Manual.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

1. Employ competency standards as set out in Paddle Canada courses (e.g. Basic Kayak and Sea Kayak Level-1 Skills), Outdoor Council of Canada Courses (e.g. maps and compass), and/or Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC courses (e.g. Level One Guide) including the following skills: safety equipment knowledge, beginner and intermediate paddling strokes, assisted re-entry techniques and basic navigation knowledge.
2. Exhibit the basics of client care and of crisis management in an ocean environment.
3. Make decisions based on a diversity of marine environments, and manage the objective hazards associated with Class 1 paddling conditions and terrain.

COURSE CONTENT

SESSIONS	TOPICS
Pre-Trip Class & Planning	Introduction to trip planning Certification Requirements Equipment, clothing, and safety gear
Field Excursion	Paddling strokes Rescue and re-entry techniques Risk management Basic navigation Marine weather forecasting On-going trip planning and contingency plans Field Evaluation
	Final Tests

EVALUATION PROFILE

Assessment	% of Final Grade
*Field Evaluation	20-40%
Leadership skills	10-25%
*Technical skills	20-40%
Professionalism & participation	5-15%
TOTAL:	100%

*No one assignment will be more than 35%

Field evaluations: The ability to perform a specific skill at an acceptable or higher level as required by the industry certification.

Leadership skills: Take initiative, motivate and inspire others, and respond to the needs of the individual and the group. Demonstrate sound judgement and decision-making. Take charge of situations as necessary, while recognizing when it is appropriate to follow the leadership of others.

Technical skills: Develop basic outdoor skills and competencies in ocean kayaking, strokes, rescues, compass and maps.

Professionalism and participation: Includes elements of professionalism, attitude, punctuality and teamwork as described in the outdoor recreation management program skills evaluation form.

GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

Late Assignments

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date listed unless otherwise noted in the course syllabus. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand. See course syllabus for penalties associated with late assignments.

Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed labs or other activities may not be able to be accommodated. Rescheduling will not be allowed for reasons such as holidays or work conflict, nor shall re-scheduling be possible after exams have been graded and returned. Please consult with your instructor. Final Exams are to be written on the date and time scheduled.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities. Attendance is mandatory if the delivery of this course is through a weekend based format. See course syllabus for penalties related to missed classes.

English Usage

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

Electronic Devices

Students may use electronic devices during class for note-taking only or when working in groups on tasks assigned by the instructor

On-line Communication

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or eLearn; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS**Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/>

Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)

Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information: <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.

DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM OPERATIONAL DETAILS

See Course Syllabus