



Course Outline

OEEDU2005 OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES: ROCK AND SNOW 2

Title:	OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES: ROCK AND SNOW 2
Code:	OEEDU2005
Formerly:	HM874
School / Division:	School of Health Sciences
Level:	Advanced
Pre-requisites:	Nil
Co-requisites:	Nil
Exclusions:	(HM874)
Progress Units:	10
ASCED Code:	69903

Objectives:

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to:

Knowledge:

- Understand the philosophical underpinnings of outdoor education in Victoria
- Recognise the ways in which learning outcomes from the current Victoria curriculum framework for P-10 can be addressed through outdoor and environmental studies
- Understand pedagogical issues related to outdoor and environmental studies
- Develop a critical understanding of literature relating to outdoor and environmental education
- Develop a critical understanding of the purpose and role of adventure in outdoor education
- Discern the aims and rationales for doing snow activities in relation to outdoor and environmental studies
- Learn a wide range of knowledge relevant to performing, teaching and implementing snow activities
- Deliver and discuss information on issues related to cross country skiing, snow-shoeing, and snow camping activities
- Develop understanding of alpine environments

Skills:

- Improve personal bush living and leadership skills
- Improve personal skills involved in performing and teaching cross country skiing, snow-shoeing and snow camping activities
- Develop skills in planning for and implementing safe and meaningful experiences in the outdoors



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- Be able to develop educational rationales to justify snow activities to the school and wider community
- Extend skills in rock climbing
- Demonstrate the ability to plan and produce appropriate course materials for outdoor and environmental studies in secondary schools
- Reflect critically on current issues in outdoor and environmental education

Values:

- Value and understand the role of adventure and safe risk taking in outdoor activities
- Appreciate the benefits gained by experiencing and exploring snow and rock environments
- Recognise the fragility of alpine environments and the human impact on these environments
- Value the benefits of multi-pitch climbing
- Appreciate the management and conservation of cliff environments for future sustainability
- Recognise the detail required for the planning, organisation and execution of an adventure activity
- Appreciate the value of teaching outdoor and environmental studies in schools
- Appreciate the range and complexity of issues related to outdoor and environmental studies in schools

Content:

Topics may include:

- Pedagogical issues related to outdoor and environmental education
- Promoting sustainability through outdoor and environment education
- Risks and benefits of participation in snow activities
- Environmental impact of snow activities
- Safety and organisation issues related to performing, teaching/instructing and implementing snow activities
- Use and care of specialised equipment used in snow activities
- Preparing for and participation in a multi-pitch climbing experience
- Future directions for outdoor education

Learning Tasks & Assessment:

Learning Task	Assessment	Weighting
Attendance at the equivalent of 3 weekend activity trips (2 x snow & 1 x rock) & maintenance of a journal	Participation Trip journal / evaluation	S/U
Preparing & presenting a seminar on an outdoor education issue	Oral presentation	20-40%
Preparing & presenting a seminar on an outdoor education issue	Written paper	30-50%
Keeping a folio on planning, teaching and management strategies for snow activities	Snow activities class test	20-40%

Adopted Reference Style:



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Handbook Summary:

This course is designed to encourage students to reflect critically on the current issues related to outdoor and environmental education in secondary school settings and to consider possibilities for improving practice in this field. They will also learn a wide range of knowledge, skills and values relevant to planning and implementing snow activities in a safe and effective manner.