



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON • PE & REC • Outdoor Pursuits Program

PEOL 285 – WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

## INFORMATION AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Wilderness Survival is the Outdoor Pursuits Program's gateway course, and it serves as a prerequisite to all backcountry outing courses (e.g. backpacking, snowcamping, mountaineering, etc.) Two sections of Wilderness Survival are offered each term, so claiming a spot is usually not a problem. Nevertheless, important enrollment and attendance policies exist and it is imperative that you understand them before attending the first class session.

- **We DO NOT keep wait lists for our courses** because first class attendance is mandatory... **NO EXCEPTIONS!** This course meets only once per week. It's critical that you be at the first class session to receive important information about course content, logistics and safety practices.
- If you miss the first class, you will not be allowed to participate in the course. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Should you miss the first class, it is **YOUR** responsibility to drop the course on DuckWeb. The instructor cannot do this for you.
- There is a very good possibility that you'll be able to participate in this course (or any OPP course) if it is shown as "full" on DuckWeb. Many enrolled students do not attend the first class session, making spaces available. Go to the first class session! Odds are VERY high that space will be available.
- Wilderness Survival cannot be waived (and other courses cannot be substituted) as a prerequisite to participation in our backcountry courses! The information covered in this course is critical to outdoor safety and environmental awareness, and we want to make sure that everyone has a solid comprehension of all the course topics before participating in outings. There's no guarantee that students who have completed similar courses receive all of the information covered in this course. For safety and liability reasons, it's imperative that everyone participating in a backcountry outing course takes Wilderness Survival.
- You are expected to remain engaged in class activities to the best of your abilities, and to that end **TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES AND SHUT DOWN COMPUTERS** at the beginning of class. If the thought of not being able to freely text or access your computer during class will be a deal breaker for you, **DROP THE COURSE!**
- Students have **two options** for obtaining readings and lecture notes: via the course website (<http://opp.uoregon.edu/wild/wildsurvival.html>) OR a hard copy course packet available from the UO Bookstore. Should you choose to download the course documents, please know that most documents posted to the course website are password protected (same password for all documents). The course instructor will provide the password once you are officially enrolled as a course participant.
- If you want to enroll in the course as a non-credit student, you must do so at the first class session. Earlier enrollments are not possible. The course instructor will determine, at that time, if space is available.

Questions? Contact Michael Strong, course instructor at [mstrong@uoregon.edu](mailto:mstrong@uoregon.edu) or call the OPP office at: 346-1048.