

Grande Prairie Regional College
Department of Physical Education, Athletics and Kinesiology
RS 1220 Leadership in Recreation and Leisure Organizations (2-0-2)
2002 Winter

1.0 Course Description

Introduction to leadership and follower ship as they apply to recreation and leisure organizations. Emphasis is on practical skills including oral and written communication, group dynamics, conflict management, organizational ethics and politics, careers in recreation and other topics as relevant.

2.0 Course Objectives

- 2.1 To discuss leadership and followership in leisure services.
- 2.2 To examine a variety of leadership theories and styles.
- 2.3 To examine a variety of leadership skills, such as group dynamics, communication, conflict management and conducting meetings.
- 2.4 To discuss selected leadership issues such as ethics, diversity and organizational politics.
- 2.5 To develop oral presentation skills.

3.0 Instructor

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4.0 University Transfer

University of Alberta RLS 122, 3 Credits
University of Calgary Jr. KNES, 3 Credits

5.0 Schedule Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-11:20 AM

6.0 Course Text

Jordan, DL (2001) Leadership in Leisure Services: Making a Difference. (2nd ed.) State College, PA: Venture Publishing.

Reference Titles:

- ◆ Graham, J. (1997) Outdoor Leadership Technique, Common Sense & Self-Confidence. Seattle, WA, The Mountaineers
- ◆ Yuki, G. (1998) Leadership in Organizations. Upper Saddle River, NJ, Prentice Hall.
- ◆ Ford, P. and J. Blanchard (1993) Leadership and Administration of Outdoor Pursuits, Venture Pub. Inc.
- ◆ Priest, S. and MA Gass (1997) Effective Leadership in Adventure Programming, Human Kinetics

7.0 Student Evaluation

7.1 Class presentation 40 %

Find a professional outside of GPRC who works as a recreational leader. Interview this leader with questions you have created which centers on leadership topics introduced in RS 1220. Present a thirty-minute classroom presentation about this leader, the leadership roles this recreational leader fills, their challenges as a leader in their situation, and the leadership philosophies this professional may rely on.

7.2 Midterm examination 30 %

7.3 Final examination 30 %