Outdoor Ministry Major

The Bachelor of Science with a major in Outdoor Ministry (OM) combines courses in Outdoor Education and Outdoor Ministry with Youth and Family courses. This unique program of study focuses on developing a strong ministry mind-set in students and prepares them to utilize the outdoor environment for evangelism and discipleship. While all are welcome to pursue this major, it is particularly suited to students who have had life-shaping experiences at summer camps, Young Life camps, church retreats, or other programs and want to provide similar experiences for others.

Requirements for a Major in Outdoor Ministry

- **Degree Component**
  - Completion of the General Education Core (50 credits)
    - Required in Gen-Ed:
      - IS 202 Modern Secular-Christian Worldviews (3) OR BB 211 Christian Doctrine (3)
    - Recommended in Gen-Ed:
      - BL 101-102 are recommended in the Gen-Ed as prerequisites to ES courses;
      - HS 101 and HS 102 are recommended in the Gen-Ed as prerequisites to IS 202;
      - PY 201 or PY 202 is recommended in the Gen-Ed as prerequisite to PY 300/SC 414
  - Completion of the General Education Competencies
  - Completion of the Integrated Outdoor Education Major Core (28 credits)
  - Completion of the Outdoor Ministry Major Core Courses (23 credits)
    - Completion of OE 180 Discovery in the first year in OM major (1 credit doubles in Gen-Ed)
    - Completion of an outdoor activity (OE 230, 231, 233, 235, 237, 238) in the first year in OM major
    - Two credits count for the General Education PE requirements
  - Completion of required electives to bring total up to 120 credits (~18 credits)
  - Completion of 27 credits at the 300-level or above
  - Completion of Outdoor Education Dept. Comprehensive Exit Exam (included in OE 491)
    - Completion of 120 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0 (two terms and 32 credit hours must be completed at Montreat College)

*OE 310 in the major can count toward the Gen-Ed oral expression competency.

NOTE: Students who double major in Outdoor Education and Outdoor Ministry can count their field experience (OE/OM 241) and internship (OE/OM 441) credits toward both majors.

Integrated Outdoor Education Major Core Courses (28 hours)

- **ES 201** Field Natural History I (2)
- **IS 302** Philosophy of Leadership (3)
- **IS 310** Pre-Internship (1)
- **OE 103** Survey of Outdoor Education (3)
- **OE 111** Facilitating Outdoor Experiences (3)
- **OE 170** Wilderness First Aid (1)
- **OE 180** Discovery Wilderness Expedition (4) (1st Year Requirement)
OE 306  Leadership & Group Dynamics (3)
OE 310  Principles of Environmental Interpretation (3)
OE 404  Administration & Management of OE (4)
OE 491  Senior Seminar (1)

Outdoor Ministry Major Courses (23 hours)

YM 303  Discipleship & Lifestyle Evangelism (3)
YM 401  Spiritual Formation and Faith Development (3)
Choose one:
   MN 301  Ministry in Cultural Context (3) OR
   CC 201  Foundations of Church & Culture (3)
OM 200  Introduction to Christian Camping & Outdoor Ministry (3)
OM/OE 241  Outdoor Ministry Field Experience (twice) (1/1)
OM 300  Outdoor & Camp Programming (3)
OM/OE 441  Internship in Outdoor Ministry (3)
Choose one:
   PY 300  Child & Adolescent Development (3) OR
   SC 414  Counseling Adolescents & Families (3)
## Four Year Plan: Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Ministry

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OE 180 Discovery Wilderness Expedition (All OM majors must complete OE 180 within their first year at Montreat College) | 4 |

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### Junior Summer

OM 241 Field Experiences must be completed during the junior school year, prior to the internship.

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Completion of 27 credits at the 300-level or above.

Completion of the OE Comprehensive Exit Exam (embedded in OE 491) by the end of the Senior Year.

Total hours required for degree: 120

*See General Education for optional course offerings
Outdoor Ministry Minor

The Outdoor Ministry minor will enhance most majors at Montreat College. With a strong emphasis in group process, discipleship and leadership, all students involved in the minor will grow as well as develop skills that can be used in working with adults and youth in group settings.

Requirements for a Minor in Outdoor Ministry (21 credits)

Required Courses:
- ES 201 Field Natural History 1 (2) (Prerequisites: BL 101 & 102)
- OE 306 Leadership & Group Dynamics (3)
- OM 300 Outdoor and Camp Programming (3)

Choose one class:
- OM 200 Intro to Christian Camping & Outdoor Ministry (3) OR
- YM 203 Foundations of Youth and Family (3)

One or two OE courses below for 4 credits total:
- OE 180 Discovery Wilderness Expedition (4)
- OE 182 Wilderness Journey (2-4)
- OE 191 (2) & 192 (2) Outdoor Living Skills (Fall & Spring)

Two YM course options below for 6 credits total:
- YM 303 Discipleship & Lifestyle Evangelism (3)
- YM 401 Spiritual Formation & Faith Development (3)
- MN 301 Ministry in Cultural Context (3)