

Lifetime Leisure Skills Courses (LLS)

LLS Courses

This is a list of courses with the subject code LLS. For more information, see Lifetime Leisure Skills (University College) in the catalog.

LLS:1100 Introduction to Camping 1 s.h.

Introduction to the wonderful world of camping; focus on development of skills and knowledge pertaining to camping equipment, campsite selection and setup, outdoor cooking, useful knots, and minimum impact principles; overnight camping required.

LLS:1110 Exploring Iowa's Natural Wonders 1 s.h.

Natural history of the Loess Hills of western Iowa, Maquoketa Caves of eastern Iowa, or Effigy Mounds National Monument and Yellow River State Forest of northeastern Iowa; overnight camping required.

LLS:1115 Hiking 1 s.h.

Beginner-level hiking skills; safety and planning; proper care and use of equipment; physically strenuous; overnight camping required.

LLS:1120 Backpacking 1 s.h.

Beginner-level backpacking skills; basic map reading, proper packing and planning, equipment and clothing selection; physically strenuous; overnight camping required.

LLS:1121 Expedition Backpacking 1 s.h.

Remote, multiday, backcountry camping skills; proper packing and planning; backcountry nutrition; topographic map reading; equipment and clothing selection; very physically strenuous; overnight camping required.

LLS:1130 Basic Orienteering 1 s.h.

Basics of orienteering, including map and compass skills. Taught at Macbride Nature Recreation Area.

LLS:1131 Expedition Orienteering 1 s.h.

Extensive navigation and camping skills in a remote wilderness; focus on map and compass skills including declination, bearings, triangulation, topographical map reading, situational awareness; backcountry camping skills; very physically strenuous.

LLS:1140 Challenge Course: Team Building 1 s.h.

Exploration of various methods of team building and common characteristics of successful teams through the use of UI Challenge Course; strong emphasis on cooperative group work and discussions.

LLS:1150 Leadership in the Outdoors 3 s.h.

Leadership theories, group dynamics, expedition logistics, outdoor leadership skills, risk management; indoor and outdoor classroom sessions, overnight camping required; technical skill development may include backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, bike touring, general camping.

LLS:1200 Introduction to Rock Climbing 1 s.h.

Utilization of indoor and outdoor climbing classrooms; comprehensive introduction to physical techniques of rock climbing, mechanical skills of belaying, proper usage of personal protective equipment, and common climbing terminology.

LLS:1202 Expedition Rock Climbing 1 s.h.

Multiday climbing expedition; physically strenuous; overnight camping required.

LLS:1206 Movement Technique for Rock Climbing 1 s.h.

Multiweek program for improving rock climbing skills; warming up and stretching, movement technique, breathing, mental fitness, endurance, and goal setting. Prerequisites: LLS:1200. Requirements: must have a current belay card at UI climbing wall.

LLS:1210 Introduction to Lead Climbing: Sport 2 s.h.

Fundamentals of single-pitch sport climbing on lead; belaying a leader; use of 52.5 foot tall climbing wall at UI Campus Recreation and Wellness Center; eligible to obtain lead climbing approval after successful completion of course. Prerequisites: LLS:1200. Requirements: must have a current belay card at UI climbing wall.

LLS:1231 Introduction to Bouldering 1 s.h.

Basic skills, safety, and techniques for bouldering.

LLS:1240 Introduction to Ice Climbing 1 s.h.

Basics of ice climbing.

LLS:1300 Bicycle Touring 1 s.h.

Basics of bicycle touring for recreation; riding techniques, basic bicycle maintenance, rules of the road; students must already know how to ride a bike; moderately strenuous. Taught on Johnson County area roads and bike trail systems.

LLS:1310 Bikepacking 1 s.h.

Planning and packing for self-supported, overnight bicycle camping trips; proper care and use of equipment; physically strenuous; overnight camping required.

LLS:1320 Mountain Biking 1 s.h.

Basics of mountain bicycling; riding techniques, basic bicycle maintenance, trail etiquette. Taught on Sugar Bottom recreation trail system.

LLS:1400 Flat Water Canoeing 1 s.h.

Basics of flat water tandem canoeing; paddle strokes, canoe anatomy, water safety. Taught at Macbride Nature Recreation Area.

LLS:1401 River Canoeing 1 s.h.

Fundamentals of tandem canoeing on moving water; basic paddling strokes, canoe anatomy, hydrology, river safety; overnight camping required.

LLS:1403 Expedition Canoeing 1 s.h.

How to plan and pack for multiday canoeing expeditions; Leave No Trace primitive camping; paddling skills in loaded canoes; reading river/lake maps; portaging techniques; rescue techniques; overnight camping required.

LLS:1410 Sea Kayaking 1 s.h.

Basics of sea kayaking using solo and tandem boats. Taught at Macbride Nature Recreation Area.

LLS:1411 Expedition Sea Kayaking 1 s.h.

Multiday sea kayaking expedition; primitive camping; paddling skills in loaded kayaks, reading river/lake maps, rescue techniques.

LLS:1430 Stand Up Paddleboarding 1 s.h.

Introduction to paddleboarding skills on flat, calm water; paddling environment, board and paddle control, standing and balancing, personal preparation and safety.

LLS:1440 Scuba 1 s.h.

Basics of Scuba diving. Seven weeks.

LLS:1441 Advanced Open Water Scuba 1 s.h.

Participation in five scuba diving specialty activities.

Prerequisites: LLS:1440. Requirements: certification as open water scuba diver.

LLS:1500 Winter Camping 1 s.h.

How to successfully and comfortably camp in cold, harsh conditions; snow shelters, hydration, meal preparation, clothing needs; snowshoe/ski travel with sleds (as conditions permit).

LLS:1510 Snowshoeing 1 s.h.

Basics of snowshoeing; physically strenuous.

LLS:1520 Cross-Country Skiing 1 s.h.

Basics of cross-country skiing; physically strenuous.

LLS:1530 Alpine Skiing 1 s.h.

Basics of downhill skiing; physically strenuous.

LLS:1610 Kickboxing 1 s.h.

Basics of kickboxing.

LLS:1611 Intermediate Kickboxing 1 s.h.

Aggressive workout utilizing heavy bags, coach's mitts, and other equipment; conducted at moderate to intense pace using competitive kickboxing techniques, training methods, and equipment; kickboxing as a conditioning tool with self-defense as a byproduct; not designed to prepare for competition. Prerequisites: LLS:1610.

LLS:1630 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu 1 s.h.

Introduction to the sport of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu; basic self-defense, positional grappling, submissions, submission defense; no martial arts experience required.

LLS:1650 Ballroom Dancing 1 s.h.

Basics of ballroom dancing; overview of several figures; beginner level.

LLS:1651 Ballroom Dancing: Waltz 1 s.h.

Beginning through intermediate-level waltz figures; performing a beautiful waltz routine; skills and knowledge to dance with confidence at any formal dance occasion; for all skill levels.

LLS:1654 Ballroom Dancing: Nightclub Series 1 s.h.

Salsa, the Hustle, Nightclub Two-Step, Argentine tango; for all skill levels.

LLS:1660 Salsa Dancing 1 s.h.

Fundamentals of Latin/Salsa dancing; musical rhythms, cultural history, postures, technique, basic movements; techniques for developing strength, stamina, balance, poise, and partner dancing skills; traditional social behaviors in salsa's cultural context.

LLS:1675 Mindfulness and Yoga 1 s.h.

Emphasis on mindfulness, breath awareness, and attention to alignment.

LLS:1680 Golf 1 s.h.

Basic principles and fundamentals of golf swing (e.g., full swing, pitching, chipping, putting); opportunity to practice skills at various facilities; history, basic rules, proper golf etiquette, evolution of golf related to technology.

LLS:1690 Gardening: Vegetables and Herbs 1 s.h.

Fundamental skills for successfully growing vegetables and herbs outdoors and in containers.

LLS:1691 Gardening: Designing Edible Forests 1 s.h.

Fundamental skills for successfully designing and establishing fruit trees, berry bushes, and perennial herbs in ways that emulate a healthy woodland ecosystem and enrich our interaction with nature.