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 4 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:1201 Intermediate Rock Climbing 1 s.h. Expands on skills learned in LLS:1200; requires current belay card for UI Campus Recreation and Wellness Center climbing wall; overnight camping required. Prerequisites: LLS:1200.

LLS:1202 Expedition Rock Climbing 1 s.h. Multiday climbing expedition; physically strenuous; overnight camping required.

LLS:1205 Anchor Systems for Top Rope Climbing 1 s.h. Development of basic skills for climbing anchors; understanding setting top-rope anchors; use of bolts, trees, and passive and mechanical chocks for anchor setting; equalization of anchors; basic knots for rope, webbing, and cordelettes; basic understanding of the structural integrity and frictional forces important to anchor setting.

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:1212 Expedition Lead Climbing: Sport 1 s.h. Multiday single-pitch sport lead climbing expedition; requires current lead climbing approval for UI Campus Recreation and Wellness Center climbing wall; overnight camping required.

LLS:1213 Introduction to Bouldering 1 s.h. Basic skills, safety, and techniques for bouldering.

LLS:1232 Expedition Bouldering 1 s.h. Multiday bouldering expedition; overnight camping required.

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:1301 Urban Cycling 1 s.h. How to safely navigate urban areas by bicycle; traffic laws, situational awareness, basic maintenance, planning and route considerations.

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:1311 Expedition Bicycle Touring 1 s.h. Multiday self-supported bicycle touring expedition; camp while exploring iconic touring routes of the United States; very 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:1322 Expedition Mountain Biking 1 s.h. Multiday mountain bicycling expedition; very physically strenuous; overnight camping required.

LLS:1360 Trail Running 1 s.h. Techniques of off-road running; local running trails in and around Iowa City; emphasis on proper training, clothing, equipment, and nutrition; physically strenuous; no experience required.

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.

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:1423 Expedition Whitewater Kayaking 1 s.h.
Multiday whitewater kayaking expedition; class I-III rapids, rolling and brashing, safety and rescue techniques; overnight camping required.

LLS:1430 Stand Up Paddleboarding 1 s.h.
Introduction to paddleboarding skills on flat, calm water; paddleboarding 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:1652 Ballroom Dancing: Foxtrot and Tango 1 s.h.
Beginning to intermediate-level figures in two of the most beautiful and popular dances in the world—foxtrot and tango; for all skill levels.

LLS:1653 Ballroom Dancing: Rhumba, Cha Cha, Merengue 1 s.h.
Beginner- to intermediate-level figures in three of the most popular and energy-charged Latin dances of today—Rhumba, Cha Cha, and Merengue; for all skill levels.