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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED BEFORE YOUR NOLS COURSE BEGINS.

General Information

Since 1980 NOLS and the University of Utah have partnered to offer college credit to NOLS students. This credit is administered by the University's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Program (PRT), one of the few fully accredited programs of its type west of the Mississippi. Additionally, some NOLS courses offer credit through the University's Environmental Studies Program.

If you'd like to earn college credit, please indicate this on your dashboard. Payment of \$160.00 per credit hour will be due at least 10 days prior to your course start date. The optional college credit fees are in addition to the course tuition. Registration is not possible after your course has started.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH AND NOLS INFORMATION

The University of Utah and NOLS are entirely separate entities, and no agency or employee relationship exists between them. The University's responsibility is to a prior review of course content and instructor qualification to ensure appropriate academic relevance and competence and it exercises no responsibility or authority over the conduct of instructors or other employees or agents of NOLS.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH CREDIT AVAILABILITY

Please view your specific course page on the nols.edu website for up to date credit offerings from the University of Utah. Students may register for any number of University of Utah courses up to the total available for the NOLS course they are enrolled in. Graduate-level courses are all two credits only (even when the equivalent undergraduate course is offered for 3 or more credits).

Receiving Credit

Complete the following steps at least ten days prior to your course start date:

1. Register for University of Utah college credit via your NOLS dashboard.
2. Submit payment of \$160.00 per credit hour payable to NOLS (**NOTE: The cost per credit is subject to change approximately every two years and was last updated for spring semester 2025**).

Requesting your University of Utah Transcripts

To receive an official transcript, or have one sent to your school, **you must make a request directly to the University of Utah**. To do this, call the registrar's office at 801-581-5808 to get your university ID number, then visit <http://registrar.utah.edu/transcripts/order-transcript.php>. Transcripts are not available until after the close of the term in which your course occurs. Please refer to the chart below.

NOLS Course Start Date	Transcript Availability Date
December 29 – March 31	July 1
April 1 – August 15	September 30
August 16 – December 28	February 10

Requests for early report of grades can *only* be accommodated if they are made in advance of your course start date. Please contact the NOLS registrar at registrar@nols.edu with any requests or questions.

It is each student's responsibility to work with their home university to arrange for the transfer of credit. Students are encouraged to make these arrangements prior to taking a NOLS course; this can prevent disappointment later.

Eligibility

Students over the age of 16 have the option to earn college credit through the University of Utah. Current high school students must have either completed their sophomore year with a GPA of 3.5 or higher or their junior year with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher and must submit an official transcript with their registration to verify their status. If you are no longer in high school, no GPA is required. Before your course, be sure to verify with your counselor or advisor that your school accepts these credits.

Graduate Credit Policy for Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Program (PRT)

GRADUATE CREDIT EARNED ON NOLS COURSES:

- PRT 6050 - Environmental Ethics, Leave No Trace, and Leadership
- PRT 6051 - Group Leadership Techniques
- PRT 6052 - Wilderness Skills Practicum and Leadership
- PRT 6043 - Risk Assessment, Risk Management and Decision-Making
- PRT 6054 - Outdoor Educator

Your University of Utah grade will be 80% based on the grade from your NOLS expedition student evaluation. The other 20% of the grade is based on a specific paper, written post-course, and graded by a professor at the University of Utah. Papers are generally APA format, 10 pages long, and are expected to meet entry-level graduate student writing standards. Graduate-level courses are all two credits only (even when the equivalent undergraduate course is offered for 3 or more credits).

Wilderness First Responder (WFR) and Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician (WEMT) Credit

Please note that you will receive WFR (*only certain semesters*) or WEMT (*Wilderness Medicine & Rescue Semester only*) training as part of your semester regardless of whether you register and pay the additional fee for the credits.

College Credit Refunds

If you withdraw from college credit registration prior to the start of your NOLS course, the registration fee will be refunded. If you withdraw from credit after your course has started, NOLS will charge you a \$25 fee. If you are a 529 or AmeriCorps student through Utah there will be no credit refund.

Students who separate from their NOLS course while in progress may be awarded college credit based on the duration and quality of their participation. Credit for separated students is awarded at the discretion of staff and instructors at the NOLS campus where the course takes place. The expense for any college credit not awarded to a separated student will be refunded, minus a \$25 processing fee.

Questions?

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