

OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP (OXP315118)

External Assessment Specifications inform the development of external assessments. The primary audience for this document is the course Setting Examiner and Exam Critics. It may also be of use to teachers and students.

These specifications must be read in conjunction with the current Course Document on the TASC website.

The external assessment for this course consists of a written exam.

WRITTEN EXAM STRUCTURE

The written exam is THREE hours.

Students will have an additional 15-minute preparation time during which students can take notes on the note paper provided and highlight any key words in the exam booklet during the allocated time. Students will not be permitted to start their exam until advised by the Exam Supervisor.

The written exam includes FOUR sections.

The criteria to be externally assessed are:

- Criterion 2: analyse and compare contemporary theories of leadership
- Criterion 3: analyse leadership qualities and approaches
- Criterion 5: apply personal skills in group management and working collaboratively with others
- Criterion 7: describe ways in which people experience and relate to the natural environment
- Criterion 8: communicate ideas and information in a variety of forms

SPECIFIC MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT APPROVED FOR USE BY STUDENTS

There is no external Information Sheet for this course.

ASSESSMENT

Criteria 3 and 5 are both assessed numerically with marks out of 40.

Criteria 2, 7 and 8 are assessed using extended ratings of A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, t+, t, t- or z. Note that a C- is a low C, in that it just meets the standards for a C but is not a t.

A set of solutions or a marking tool will be developed by the Setting Examiner, provided to markers at the marking meeting that follows the external written examination; and will be available from TASC in the following year.

The external assessment must include questions that, separately or together, give opportunities to demonstrate the standards from rating C to rating A.

Final results will be awarded as a rating of A, B, C, t or z in the above criteria. These ratings are used in determining the final award according to the algorithm in the course document.

Numerical Mark Allocation

Exam papers are designed so that the number of marks allocated to a section, part or question corresponds to the recommended time allocation for it. This is so that a student knows when answering a 10 mark question that the question has been designed for students to spend approximately 10 minutes reading, thinking and then answering the question. Students may find that they spend less or more time on certain questions throughout the exam.

SECTION A

Structure

- This section will take students approximately 40 minutes to respond to.
- Students will respond to ONE compulsory question.

This section addresses the following course content:

- Unit 2 – Leadership Theory

Students may be required to refer to Unit 1 – Planning for Outdoor Activities and Unit 6 – Individual Outdoor Leadership Project.

Assessed Criteria

- Criterion 2: analyse and compare contemporary theories of leadership (Elements 1, 2 and 4).
- Criterion 8: communicate ideas and information in a variety of forms (Elements 1, 2 and 5).

Nature of Responses

- Responses will be assessed using extended alpha ratings.
- Responses to this section will be in extended response form.

SECTION B

Structure

- This section will take students approximately 40 minutes to respond to and be allocated 40 marks.
- This section will include between four and six questions. ALL questions are compulsory.

This section addresses the following course content:

- Unit 2 – Leadership Qualities and Approaches
Students may be required to refer to their Unit 6 – Individual Outdoor Leadership Project.

Assessed Criteria

- Criterion 3: analyse leadership qualities and approaches (Elements 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5).

Nature of Responses

- Responses will be assessed numerically.
- Responses to this section will be short answer form.

SECTION C

Structure

- This section will take students approximately 40 minutes to respond to and be allocated 40 marks.
- This section will include between four and six questions. ALL questions are compulsory.

This section addresses the following course content:

- Unit 3 – Group Management
Students may be required to refer to their Unit 6 – Individual Outdoor Leadership Project.

Assessed Criteria

- Criterion 5: apply personal skills in group management and working collaboratively with others (Elements 2, 3, 4 and 5).

Nature of Responses

- Responses will be assessed numerically.
- Responses to this section will be short answer form.

SECTION D

Structure

- This section will take students approximately 60 minutes to respond to.
- This section is divided into two parts. Students will respond ONE compulsory question in Part 1, and ONE of TWO questions in Part 2.

This section addresses the following course content:

- Unit 5 – Human-Nature Relationships
Students may be required to refer to Unit 4 – Ecological Sustainability of Outdoor Adventure Activities.

Assessed Criteria

- Criterion 7: describe ways in which people experience and relate to the natural environment (Elements 1, 2, 3 and 4).
- Criterion 8: communicate ideas and information in a variety of forms (Elements 1, 2, 3 and 5).

Nature of Questions

- Part 1 Question to focus on Criteria 7 Elements 1 and 3.
- Part 2 Questions to focus on Criteria 7 Elements 2 and 4.

Nature of Responses

- Responses will be assessed using extended alpha ratings.
- Responses to this section will be in extended response form.