

PRE-REQUISITES FOR AMGA SINGLE PITCH INSTRUCTOR COURSE



You meet the pre-requisites for the SPI course if you:

- Have a genuine interest in rock climbing and instructing novices on single pitch crags.
- Are at least 18 years old at the time of the course.
- Have at least 12 months prior climbing experience.
- Are an active climber with traditional lead climbing experience (leader placing pro).
- Have trad lead climbed a minimum of 15 graded rock climbing routes (any grade).
- Are capable of comfortably climbing 5.8 while on a top rope.

The above pre-requisites are absolute minimums and most candidates have skills in excess of the above. Without having the minimum experience you are unlikely to play a constructive part on the course or be able to make the best use of this training. If you are unsure of your skill level we suggest hiring an AMGA/IFMGA certified guide to evaluate and enhance your skills and experience prior to SPI program enrollment.

SPI COURSE OVERVIEW

The following three day outline is the standard progression for the SPI Course. Your course may have a different daily schedule and it is acceptable for Program Providers to do this as long as the entire curriculum is covered in your course. Program Providers may add to the curriculum on your course but must not omit pieces. SPI Program providers must make it clear when they are teaching outside the curriculum and should not evaluate beyond the curriculum. The course is normally run over three consecutive nine hour days but as long as all the curriculum is covered over 27 hours the course could be run over separate weekends or even as a semester class.

Day 1

- Session 1: SPI and AMGA Program Overview
- Session 2: Professionalism
- Session 3: Equipment
- Session 4: Knots and Hitches
- Session 5: Belaying
- Session 6: Protection and Anchoring
- Session 7: Teaching
- End of Day Debriefs

Day 2

- Session 8: The Climbing Site
- Session 9: Site Organization and Group Management
- Session 10: Base Managed Sites
- Session 11: Assistance Skills - Base Managed Sites
- Session 12: Programming and Risk Management
- End of Day Debriefs

Day 3

- Session 13: Instructor Demo Lead Climb
- Session 14: Top Managed Sites
- Session 15: Lowering
- Session 16: Assistance Skills - Top Managed Sites
- Session 17: Rappelling
- Session 18: Climbing Movement
- Session 19: Review Sessions

Final Individual and Group Debriefs

College Credit through the University of Utah

The AMGA is extremely proud to announce that its introductory level programs have been accepted and approved by the academic committee of the University of Utah. The opportunity now exists such that students of an AMGA course can elect to receive credit from the University of Utah upon completion. These courses are listed within the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Land Based courses in the University's Catalogue. The University of Utah is the only University currently providing this option to AMGA students.

Academic credit is now available for the following AMGA courses:

- Climbing Wall Instructor Course
- Single Pitch Instructor Course
- Alpine Guides Course
- Rock Instructor Course
- Ski Guides Course

Credit: Each class allows for 3 credits that will yield a letter grade. **Cost:** The cost of these 3 credits per course is \$140.00.

It is important to apply for credit prior to taking an AMGA course. Credit hours will not be granted for courses previously taken.