YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - MINOR

Overview

The Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences offers an 18 hour minor in Youth Development as a supplement to other majors. The minor focuses on programs and services that contribute to the development of young people’s personal, physical, social and educational abilities. Youth workers are program developers, leaders and managers who need to be able to work with youth, families, organizations and communities. Coursework in this option focuses on positive youth development, program planning and evaluation, methods for working with young people, and societal factors that both contribute to and inhibit the development of young people.

Program Requirements

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Select three of the following: 9

- RPTS 300 Supervised Field Studies
- RPTS 302 Application of Tourism Principles
- RPTS 307 Methods of Environmental Interpretation
- RPTS 308 Foundations of Community and Community Development
- RPTS 311 Planning and Implementation of Events and Programs
- RPTS 340 Recreation, Parks, Tourism and Diverse Populations
- RPTS 476 Leadership for Outdoor Recreation
- RPTS 478 Youth Development Practice

Total Semester Credit Hours 18

Students must make a grade of "C" or better in all courses.

An internship (RPTS 484) is available for minors above required 18 hours.