

RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM SCIENCES - BS WITH CERTIFICATE

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 103 or ENGL 104	Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition or Composition and Rhetoric	3
RPTS 201	Foundations of Recreation, Parks and Tourism	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 105	History of the United States	
HIST 106	History of the United States	
HIST 226	History of Texas	
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ¹		3
Semester Credit Hours		12

Spring

Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) ¹		3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) ¹		3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 105	History of the United States	
HIST 106	History of the United States	
HIST 226	History of Texas	
RPTS certificate ²		3
General elective ^{1,3}		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Summer

Select one of the following:		3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 142	Business Calculus	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	
MATH 167	Explorations in Mathematics	
MATH 168	Finite Mathematics	
PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	
Semester Credit Hours		3

Second Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
RPTS 302	Application of Tourism Principles	3
RPTS 340	Recreation, Parks, Tourism and Diverse Populations	3

Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3	
RPTS certificate ²	3	
General elective ^{1,3}	3	
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

RPTS 311	Planning and Implementation of Events and Programs	3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3	
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	4	
General elective ^{1,3}	3	
Semester Credit Hours		13

Summer

STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	3
Semester Credit Hours		3

Third Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
RPTS 323	Managing Hospitality and Recreation Organizations	3
RPTS 481	Seminar	1
Select one of the following:		3
AGEC 105	Introduction to Agricultural Economics	
ACCT 209	Survey of Accounting Principles	
ACCT 229	Introductory Accounting	
ECON 202	Principles of Economics	
ECON 203	Principles of Economics	
RPTS certificate ²		3
General elective ^{1,3}		3
Semester Credit Hours		13

Spring

RPTS 336	Research and Analysis in Recreation and Tourism	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	4	
RPTS certificate ²	3	
General elective ^{1,3}	3	
Semester Credit Hours		13

Summer

RPTS elective ⁴	6	
Semester Credit Hours		6

Fourth Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
PERF 407	Performing Literature	
RPTS certificate ²	3	

General elective ^{1,3}	9
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
RPTS 401 or RPTS 403	Tourism and Recreation Enterprises ⁵ or Financing and Marketing Recreation, Park and Tourism Resources 4
Select one of the following:	3
AGCJ 404	Communicating Agricultural Information to the Public
COMM 260	Introduction to Communication and Sports
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing
JOUR 359	Reporting Sports
JOUR 451	Arts & Entertainment Journalism
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	1
General elective ^{1,3}	4
Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Graduation requirements include a requirement for 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. See academic advisor.

² Complete one embedded certificate, GPA of 2.0 or better in certificate coursework is required. Select from options below.

³ Students will choose any course or choose a course towards another RPTS certificate

⁴ Select from RPTS 200-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/rpts/>); RENR 345, RENR 375, RENR 400. Students are encouraged to complete a 6-credit internship (RPTS 484).

⁵ This course fulfills the writing (W) requirement.

Certificate Options

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Recreation and Park Management Certificate		
RENr 460/ RPTS 460	Nature, Values, and Protected Areas ⁶ or RPTS 40: or Park Planning and Design	3
Select three of the following:		9
RPTS 209	Park and Tourism Operations	
RPTS 307	Interpretation of Natural and Cultural Resources	
RPTS 316	Recreational Management of Wildlands	
RPTS 370	Youth Development Organizations and Services	
RPTS 476	Leadership for Outdoor Recreation	
RENr 345	Park Ecology and Management	

RENr 400	Study Abroad in Natural Resources	
RPTS elective ⁷		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15

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Tourism Management Certificate

RPTS 320	Event Management and Operations I	3
RPTS 331	Tourism Marketing	3
RPTS 426	Tourism Impacts ⁶	3

Select one of the following: 3

RPTS 300	Supervised Field Studies	
RPTS 321	Event Management and Operations II	
RPTS 421	Hotel and Resort Operations	
RPTS 444	Service Quality for Hospitality Organizations	

RPTS 489	Special Topics in...	
RPTS elective ⁷		3

Total Semester Credit Hours 15

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Youth Development Certificate

RPTS 370	Youth Development Organizations and Services	3
RPTS 371	Understanding and Developing Effective Skills for Youth Development	3
RPTS 472	Grant Writing and Program Evaluation for Youth Development Organizations ⁶	3
RPTS 478	Youth Development Practice	3
RPTS elective ⁷		3

Total Semester Credit Hours 15

⁶ This course satisfies the writing (W) or communication (C) course requirement.

⁷ Select from RPTS 200-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/rpts/>); RENR 345, RENR 375, RENR 400.