

COMMUNITY RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION - CERTIFICATE

Management of recreation, park and leisure-service agencies requires expertise in problem-solving, decision-making, assessment of social and environmental impacts, personnel, public relations, volunteer management, financing and fund-raising, marketing of services, and needs assessments. Skills in working with people in the legal and political environment are necessary, as well as the ability to assess and work with other organizations for cooperative developments in recreation and tourism. Utilizing computer based decision-aids, students in this emphasis prepare for managerial careers with public recreation and park agencies, youth agencies, not-for-profit recreation agencies, and commercial recreation enterprises.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Semester Credit Hours |
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| Community Recreation and Park Administration Certificate | | |
| RPTS 209 | Park and Tourism Operations | 3 |
| RPTS 304 | Administration of Recreation Resource Agencies | 3 |
| | or RPTS 323 or Managing Hospitality and Recreation Organizations | |
| RPTS 370 | Youth Development Organizations and Services | 3 |
| RPTS 401 | Tourism and Recreation Enterprises | 4 |
| | or RPTS 403 or Financing and Marketing Recreation, Park and Tourism Resources | |
| RPTS 402 | Park Planning and Design ¹ | 3 |
| Departmental elective (Select from list below) | | 3 |
| RPTS 300 | Supervised Field Studies | |
| RPTS 301 | Leisure and Outdoor Recreation in American Culture | |
| RPTS 307 | Interpretation of Natural and Cultural Resources | |
| RPTS 308 | Foundations of Community and Community Development | |
| RPTS 316 | Recreational Management of Wildlands | |
| RPTS 320 | Event Management and Operations I | |
| RPTS 321 | Event Management and Operations II | |
| RPTS 331 | Tourism Marketing | |
| RPTS 371 | Understanding and Developing Effective Skills for Youth Development | |
| RPTS 411 | Cruise Tourism | |
| RPTS 421 | Hotel and Resort Operations | |
| RPTS 426 | Tourism Impacts | |

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| RPTS 444 | Service Quality for Hospitality Organizations | |
| RPTS 460/ REN R 460 | Nature, Values, and Protected Areas | |
| RPTS 472 | Grant Writing and Program Evaluation for Youth Development Organizations | |
| RPTS 476 | Leadership for Outdoor Recreation | |
| RPTS 478 | Youth Development Practice | |
| REN R 345 | Park Ecology and Management | |
| REN R 400 | Study Abroad in Natural Resources | |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | | 19 |

¹ C Course

² W Course

For graduation, students must earn at least a C average (2.0) in certificate courses.