DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM SCIENCES

The undergraduate curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences emphasizes problem-solving skills, development of an international perspective and the application of scientific principles to managerial problems. Students study both the social and life sciences to gain an understanding of how to manage and market organizations in the vast park, recreation and tourism industry. The curriculum provides the student with an introduction to the history and concepts of recreation, park and tourism sciences, followed by the knowledge and skills for both entry-level positions and for future professional growth in the field. In addition to core courses, students must fulfill requirements for at least one certificate, and may earn additional certificates. An education in recreation, park and tourism sciences prepares students to become leaders for the 21st century with the capacity to learn from life and throughout life.

Faculty

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
PHD, Texas A&M University, 1977

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PHD, Texas A&M University, 2014

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
PHD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1980

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
CERT, Duke University, Durham, NC, 1996

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
PHD, Texas A&M University, 1971

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
PHD, University of Calgary, 1997

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
LLM, University of California, Berkeley, 1989
JD, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 1977

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
PHD, Pennsylvania State University, 2001

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
MS, Pennsylvania State University, 2000

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
PHD, University of Tennessee, 2004
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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
PHD, University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign, 1991

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MS, University of Utah, 1985

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
PHD, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2014

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Recreation, Park & Tourism Sc
MS, Texas A&M University, 2018

Wang, Jun, Assistant Professor
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PHD, Colorado State University, 2013

**Majors**

• Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences with Certificate (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/recreation-park-tourism-sciences/bs-community-recreation-park-administration-certificate)

• Bachelor of Science in Renewable Natural Resources (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/interdepartmental-degree-programs/renewable-natural-resources-bs)

**Minors**


• Youth Development Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/recreation-park-tourism-sciences/youth-development-minor)

**Certificates**

• Community Recreation and Park Administration Certificate (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/recreation-park-tourism-sciences/community-recreation-park-administration-certificate)


• Parks and Conservation Certificate (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/recreation-park-tourism-sciences/parks-conservation-certificate)

• Professional Event Manager Certificate (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/recreation-park-tourism-sciences/professional-event-manager-certificate)

• Tourism Management Certificate (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/recreation-park-tourism-sciences/tourism-management-certificate)