

RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION, MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)

General Information

The Master of Science program provides a generalized study in recreation, parks, and tourism services management. The program prepares students for supervisory and management careers in therapeutic recreation, commercial recreation and tourism, natural resource management, and public and nonprofit recreation. Individuals with backgrounds in biology, business, physical education, sociology, and psychology frequently lead professional careers in recreation, parks, and leisure services.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, applicants must meet the general admission requirements of the Graduate School. Applicants who do not meet the Graduate School's GPA requirement for admission must submit official GRE scores to be considered for Probationary Admission. Expected target scores on the GRE for Probationary Admission are 143 on the Verbal and Quantitative sections.

An undergraduate major or minor in recreation, parks, or leisure is preferred. REC 350 Supervision of Recreation Personnel and REC 460 Advanced Leadership and Programming (or course equivalents) are undergraduate prerequisites for students not holding a BS degree in recreation, parks, or leisure services.

Courses open to graduate students require a minimum understanding of foundations in recreation and park administration, knowledge of facility operation, agency budgeting, and legal issues. Students with limited field experience may be required to complete a graduate practicum course.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 31.0301

Curriculum for the General Program

Code	Title	Hours
Recreation Core Requirements		
<i>Foundation</i>		
REC 825	Phil of Recreation and Leisure	3
<i>Administration</i>		
REC 815	Internship	3
REC 840	Admin Proc & Pract	3
REC 850	Recreation & Tourism Marketing	3
<i>Research</i>		
REC 801	Park, Rec & Tour Resrch Methds	3
<i>Advanced Study</i>		
REC 809	Advanced Study in Recreation	3
Supporting Course Requirements		
Choose from nine hours of the following:		9
REC 711	Rec Therapy Prac & Services ¹	
REC 712	Mgmt of Therapeutic Rec Servic ¹	
REC 716	Rcrtn & Prk Interpretive Srvcs	

REC 720	Trends/Issues in Rec Therapy ¹	
REC 730	Park Management	
REC 790	Special Topics: _____	
REC 830	Outdoor Rec. in America	
REC 870	Rec Therapy Quality Assurance ¹	
REC 871	Therapeutic Recreation Admin ¹	
REC 890	Independent Study in REC	
REC 897	Thesis	

Electives

Choose from three hours of elective courses 3

Exit Requirements

GRD 887E	MS Rec&Park Written Comp Exam	0
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Total Hours 30

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Students wishing to sit for the National Therapeutic Recreation Certification Exam are required to take these 15 hrs. of Recreation courses. Therefore additional hrs. may be needed.

Exit Requirements

- **Thesis** – A thesis is optional in this degree program.
- **Comprehensive Examination** – A comprehensive examination is required (GRD 887E MS Rec&Park Written Comp Exam).