

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Hospitality Administration offers majors in *Recreation and Park Administration* and *Hospitality Administration*.

The *Recreation and Park Administration* major provides specialized education that helps prepare students for supervisory and administrative positions in federal, state, and local recreation and park agencies as well as commercial recreation and tourism organizations.

The *Hospitality Administration* degree program is designed to prepare students for management positions within the hospitality industry such as lodging, resorts, conference and convention centers, restaurants, contract services, theme parks and travel/tourism-related operations.

This program is designed to prepare students for management careers in private and public recreation agencies or park systems. A broad background in the behavioral and natural sciences is required with major emphasis on resource management and the delivery of leisure services to diverse populations. Specialized course work in biological sciences and business management aid in natural resource decision making. This provides a base for professional courses in planning, design, and operation of park and recreation facilities. A career in recreation administration, park administration, therapeutic recreation, turf management or interpretation requires a basic understanding of human behavior and the challenges of contemporary society. Due to the multidisciplinary nature of the career field, a student is required to choose courses from several related fields, based on professional interest. A comprehensive general education is complemented with a core of professional courses. The *Bachelor of Science* in Recreation and Park Administration offers five emphasis of professional preparation:

Recreation Administration Option prepares students to work in community and agency settings and commercial recreation businesses. Programming and people management are major areas of expertise.

Recreation Administration Emphasis

Freshman Year	Hours
English Composition I, II (ENGL 1013, 1023) ¹	6
Mathematics ¹	3
Sciences ¹	8
Introduction to Computer Based Systems (COMS 1003)	3
Orientation to Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration (RP 1001)	1
Principles of Recreation and Parks (RP 1013)	3
Social Sciences ¹	6
Physical Activity/Recreation Activity ¹	1
Total	31
Sophomore Year	
Social Sciences (PSY 2003 and ECON 2003)	6
Public Speaking (SPH 2003)	3
Introduction to Library Resources (LBMD 2001)	1
Recreation Leadership (RP 2033)	3
Recreation Programming (RP 2003)	3
Landscape Materials and Construction (RP 2013)	3
Physical Activity/Recreation Activity ¹	1

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Recreation and Park Administration

Recreation Administration Emphasis

Camp Administration (RP 3023)	3
Approved Electives ²	9
Total	32

Junior Year

Fine Arts/Humanities ¹	6
Developmental Psychology I (PSY 3063)	3
Recreation for Special Populations (RP 3013)	3
Site Planning and Design (RP 3034)	4
Work Experience I (RP 3043)	3
Outdoor Education (RP 3063)	3
Commercial Recreation (RP 3033)	3
Park Operations (RP 4063)	3
Approved Electives ²	3
Total	31

Senior Year

Internship Preparation (RP 4001)	1
Recreation and Park Administration (RP 4013)	3
Research Methods (RP 4023)	3
Recreation Law and Policy (RP 4103)	3
Personnel Management in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration (RP 4113)	3
Internship (RP 4116)	6
Hospitality Marketing and Sales (HA 4013)	3
Resort Management (RP 4093)	3
Departmental Electives ²	5
Total	30

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 72.

²See Departmental Advisor.

Therapeutic Recreation Emphasis students who wish to prepare for a career as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) working with special populations in clinical and community recreation environments. The specialized TR emphasis prepares students for national certification under guidelines established by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Therapeutic Recreation Emphasis

Freshman Year	Hours
English Composition I, II (ENGL 1013, 1023) ¹	6
Mathematics ¹	3
Sciences (BIOL 1014, PHSC 1013, and PHSC 1021) ¹	8
Introduction to Computer Based Systems (COMS 1003)	3
Orientation to Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration (RP 1001)	1
Principles of Recreation and Parks (RP 1013)	3
Social Sciences ¹	6
Physical Activity/Recreation Activity ¹	2
Total	32
Sophomore Year	
Social Sciences (PSY 2003 and ECON 2003)	6
Public Speaking (SPH 2003)	3
Fine Arts/Humanities ¹	6
Introduction to Library Resources (LBMD 2001)	1
Recreation Leadership (RP 2033)	3
Introduction to Rehabilitation Services (RS 2003)	3
Recreation Programming (RP 2003)	3

Therapeutic Recreation Emphasis

Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 2004)	4
Medical Terminology (AHS 2013)	3
Total	32
Junior Year	
Abnormal Psychology (PSY 3003)	3
Developmental Psychology I (PSY 3063)	3
Recreation for Special Populations (RP 3013)	3
Developmental Psychology II (PSY 3163)	3
Commercial Recreation (RP 3033)	3
Site Planning and Design (RP 3034)	4
Outdoor Education (RP 3063)	3
Work Experience I (RP 3043)	3
Internship Preparation (RP 4001)	1
Principles and Techniques of Therapeutic Recreation (RP 4073)	3
Approved Electives (Human Services) ³	1
Total	30
Senior Year	
Principles and Methods of Adapted Physical Education (PE 4103)	3
Recreation and Park Administration (RP 4013)	3
Research Methods (RP 4023)	3
Recreation Law and Policy (RP 4103)	3
Personnel Management in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration (RP 4113)	3
Internship (RP 4116) ²	6
Therapeutic Recreation Assessment and Documentation (RP 4173)	3
Administration and Operation of Therapeutic Recreation Programs (RP 4273)	3
Interventions in Therapeutic Recreation (RP 4373)	3
Total	30

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 72.

²Must have RP 3013, 4073, 4173, 4273 and 4373 prior to RP 4116.

³See Departmental Advisor for list of approved courses.

Park Administration Emphasis prepares students to manage large parks, resource areas and visitor facilities. Planning and management aspects of land and water resources are taught, with private and public recreation and park systems as targeted work careers.

Park Administration Emphasis

	Hours
Freshman Year	
English Composition I, II (ENGL 1013, 1023) ¹	6
Mathematics ¹	3
Sciences (CHEM 1114 or GEOL 1014 and BIOL 2124 or 2134)	8
Introduction to Computer Based Systems (COMS 1003)	3
Social Sciences ¹	6
Orientation to Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration (RP 1001)	1
Principles of Recreation and Parks (RP 1013)	3
Total	30
Sophomore Year	
Social Sciences (PSY 2003 and ECON 2003)	6
Public Speaking (SPH 2003)	3
Landscape Materials and Construction (RP 2013)	3
Recreation Programming (RP 2003)	3
Recreation Leadership (RP 2033)	3
Physical Activity/Recreation Activity ¹	2
Introduction to Library Resources (LBMD 2001)	1

Turf Management Emphasis

Sophomore Year	
Social Sciences ¹	6
Social Sciences (PSY 2003 and ECON 2003)	6
Fine Arts/Humanities ¹	6
Landscape Materials and Construction (RP 2013)	3
Recreation Programming (RP 2003)	3
Public Speaking (SPH 2003)	3
Environmental Chemistry (CHEM 2143)	3
Total	30

Junior Year	
Recreation for Special Populations (RP 3013)	3
Commercial Recreation (RP 3033)	3
Site Planning and Design (RP 3034)	4
Work Experience I (RP 3043)	3
Natural Resource Management & Planning (RP 3053)	3
Outdoor Education (RP 3063)	3
Soils (AGSS 2013)	3
Sports Facilities Planning & Design (RP 3773)	3
Recreation and Park Administration (RP 4013)	3
Turf Management - Basic Chemical Usage (RP 3783)	3
Approved Electives ²	2
Total	33

Senior Year	
Internship Preparation (RP 4001)	1
Research Methods (RP 4023)	3
Park Operations (RP 4063)	3
Recreation Law and Policy (RP 4103)	3
Personnel Management in Parks, Recreation and Hospitality Administration (RP 4113)	3
Internship (RP 4116)	6
Turf Management - Climatic Regions & Cultures (RP 4773)	3
Turf Management - Equipment (RP 4783)	3
Hospitality Facilities Management (HA 4023)	3
Resort Management (RP 4093)	3
Total	31

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 72.

²See Departmental Advisor.

Interpretive Naturalist Emphasis offers a curriculum that utilizes communication skills and interpretive methods courses to provide training for those wanting to find employment with various interpretive and outdoor educational programs of private, state, and federal agencies.

Interpretive Naturalist Emphasis

Freshman Year	Hours
English Composition I, II (ENGL 1013, 1023) ¹	6
Mathematics ¹	3
Physical Geology (GEOL 1014) and Principles of Zoology (BIOL 2124)	8
Introduction to Computer Based Systems (COMS 1003)	3
Social Sciences ¹	6
Orientation to Parks, Recreation and Hospitality Administration (RP 1001)	1
Principles of Recreation and Parks (RP 1013)	3
Total	30

Interpretive Naturalist Emphasis

Sophomore Year	
Social Sciences (PSY 2003 and ECON 2003)	6
Public Speaking (SPH 2003)	3
Recreation Programming (RP 2003)	3
Landscape Materials and Construction (RP 2013)	3
Physical Activity/Recreation Activity ¹	2
Intro to Library Resources (LBMD 2001)	1
Principles of Botany (BIOL 2134)	4
Survey of Chemistry (CHEM 1114)	4
Principles of Biology (BIOL 1114)	4
Total	30
Junior Year	
Fine Arts/Humanities ¹	6
Commercial Recreation (RP 3033)	3
Work Experience I (RP 3043)	3
Outdoor Education (RP 3063)	3
Recreation for Special Populations (RP 3013)	3
Site Planning and Design (RP 3034)	4
Interpretive Methods (RP 3093)	3
Principles of Ecology (BIOL 3114)	4
Approved Electives (BIOL Elect. 3000-4000 level) ²	3
Total	32
Senior Year	
Internship Preparation (RP/HA 4001)	1
Recreation and Park Administration (RP 4013)	3
Research Methods (RP 4023)	3
Recreation & Park Administration Major Elective (RP 3053 or RP 4053)	3
Personnel Management in Parks Recreation and Hospitality Administration. (RP 4113)	3
Recreation Law and Policy (RP 4103)	3
Internship (RP 4116)	6
Approved Electives (BIOL elect 3000 - 4000 level) ²	10
Total	32
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² See Departmental Advisor.	

Hospitality Administration

The hospitality administration degree program is designed to prepare students for management positions within the hospitality industry such as lodging, resorts, conference and convention centers, restaurants, contract services, theme parks and travel/tourism-related operations.

The course work concentrates on general business, management, finance, marketing, accounting, law, computer science, and specific courses related to hospitality management. The entire curriculum features numerous opportunities for the practical application of problem-solving skills and creativity.

Curriculum in Hospitality Administration

	Hours
Freshman Year	
English Composition I, II (ENGL 1013, 1023) ¹	6
Sciences (BIOL 1014, CHEM 1114)	8
Mathematics ¹	3
Orientation in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration (HA 1001)	1
Introduction to Computer Based Systems (COMS 1003)	3
Introduction to Hospitality Management (HA 1043)	3
Sanitation Safety (HA 1013)	3
Physical Activity/Recreation Activity ¹	2
Electives ²	2
Total	31
Sophomore Year	
Basic Nutrition in Hospitality Administration (HA 2813)	3
Lodging Operations (HA 2043)	3
Principles of Food Preparation (HA 2913)	3
Accounting Principles (ACCT 2003, 2013)	6
Legal Environment of Business (BUAD 2033)	3
Business Statistics (BUAD 2053)	3
Public Speaking (SPH 2003)	3
Social Sciences (ECON 2003 and PSY 2003)	6
Electives ²	2
Total	32
Junior Year	
Menu Analysis and Purchasing (HA 4043)	3
Hospitality Financial Analysis (HA 4073)	3
Management and Organizational Behavior (MGMT 3003)	3
Dining Service Management (HA 3063)	3
Business Communications (BUAD 3023)	3
Social Sciences ¹	6
Humanities ¹	3
Fine Arts ¹	3
Electives ²	3
Total	30
Senior Year	
Internship Preparation (HA 4001)	1
Quantity Food Production (HA 4074)	4
Hospitality Marketing and Sales (HA 4013)	3
Legal Aspects of Hospitality Administration (HA 4033)	3
Hospitality Facilities Management and Design (HA 4023)	3
Meetings and Conventions Management (HA 4053)	3
Personnel Management in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration (HA 4113)	3
Resort Management (HA 4093)	3
Internship (HA 4116)	6
Electives ²	2
Total	31

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