

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Hospitality Administration offers a Bachelor of Science in *Recreation and Park Administration and Hospitality Administration* and minors in *Recreation and Park Administration and Hospitality Administration*.

The *Recreation and Park Administration* major provides specialized education that prepares students for supervisory and administrative positions in federal, state, and local recreation and park agencies as well as commercial recreation and tourism organizations. This program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Vision

The program will produce leaders in Recreation and Park Administration.

Core Values

The Recreation and Park Administration Program is committed to:

- Lifelong learning
- Service to community
- Personal and professional development
- Diversity of experience
- Environmental stewardship
- Interpersonal communication
- Healthy lifestyles

Mission

The mission of the Recreation and Park Administration Program is to educate Recreation and Park professionals for self, community and society.

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 emphases of professional preparation:

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Recreation and Park Administration

Recreation Administration Emphasis 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 Suggested Sequence of Courses

Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	ECON 2003 ^T	3
Science with Lab ^{1, T}	4	MATH 1003 ^{1, T}	3	PSY 2003 ^T	3	SPH 2003 ^T	3
RP 1013	3	Science with Lab ^{1, T}	4	LBMD 2001	1	RP 2033	3
Physical Activity ^{1, T}	2	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	RP 2003	3	RP 2013	3
		COMS 1003 ^T	3	ACCT 2003 ^T	3	RP 3023	3
				Approved Elective ²	3		
Total Hours	12	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15
Junior				Senior			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	Humanities ^{1, T}	3	RP 4001	1	RP 4023	3
RP 3013	3	RP 3043	3	RP 4013	3	RP 4113	3
RP 3034	4	RP 3063	3	RP 4103	3	RP 4093	3
RP 3033	3	POLS 3093	3	HA 4013	3	Approved Elective ²	3
POLS 3053	3	RP 3503	3	RP 4063	3		
				PE 4103	3		
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	12
Senior 9th Semester							
Fall							
RP 4116 ³	6						
Total Hours	6						

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 88.
²See Departmental Advisor.
³Internship must be completed in last semester after all coursework has been completed.
^T Designates a block of courses that would provide for a seamless transfer into this program if equivalent courses are taken at another college or university

Therapeutic Recreation Emphasis prepares students 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 Suggested Sequence of Courses

Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	PSY 2003 ^T	3	ECON 2003 ^T	3
Physical Activity ^{1, T}	2	COMS 1003 ^T	3	SPH 2003 ^T	3	Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3
Science with Lab ^{1, T}	4	Science with Lab ^{1, T}	4	RP 2003	3	LBMD 2001	1
RP 1013	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	RS 2003	3	RP 2033	3
		MATH 1003 ^{1, T}	3	BIOL 2004 ^T	4	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3
						Humanities ^{1, T}	3
Total Hours	12	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16

Therapeutic Recreation Emphasis

Junior				Senior			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
RP 4173	3	PSY 3163	3	RP 4373	3	RP 4023	3
PSY 3063	3	RP 3063	3	PE 4103	3	RP 4113	3
RP 3013	3	RP 3043	3	RP 4013	3	RP 4273	3
RP 3033	3	PSY 3003	3	RP 4103	3	RP 4073	3
RP 3034	4	Approved Elective ²	2	AHS 2013 ^T	3		
RP 4001	1						
Total Hours	17	Total Hours	14	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	12

Senior 9th Semester

Fall	
RP 4116 ³	6
Total Hours	6

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²See departmental advisor

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Natural Resource Emphasis prepares students to manage large parks, resource areas and visitor facilities. Planning and management of land and water resources within private and public park and natural resource management organizations to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for constituents are emphasized.

Natural Resource Emphasis Suggested Sequence of Courses

Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	PSY 2003 ^T	3	ECON 2003 ^T	3
RP 1013	3	COMS 1003 ^T	3	RP 2003	3	RP 2013	3
CHEM 1114 or GEOL 1014 ^T	4	BIOL 2124 or 2134 ^T	4	Physical Activity ^{1, T}	2	RP 2033	3
Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	LBMD 2001	1	SPH 2003 ^T	3
		MATH 1003 ^{1, T}	3	Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	Approved Elective ²	4
				RP Major Elective ³	4		
Total Hours	13	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16
Junior				Senior			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
Humanities ^{1, T}	3	RP 3043	3	RP 4001	1	RP 4023	3
RP 3033	3	RP 3063	3	RP 4013	3	RP 4113	3
RP 3013	3	RP 3053	3	RP 4063	3	RP Major Elective ³	4
RP 3034	4	Approved Elective ²	6	RP 4103	3	Approved Elective ²	3
RP 3093	3			HA 4013	3		
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	13	Total Hours	13

Senior 9th Semester

Fall	
RP 4116 ⁴	6
Total Hours	6

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 88.

²See Departmental Advisor or select from the following list:

BIOL 1014, 1114, 2124, 2134, or any 3000 or 4000 level BIOL course

FW 2003, or any 3000 or 4000 level FW course

GEOL 1014 or 3153

AGEG 3203 or 3213

AGPS 1024, 1033 or 3244

AGSS 2014

GEOG 4833

³Choose from the following RP courses: RP 1993, 3783, 3993, 4053, or 4773

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Turf Management Emphasis prepares students to meet the expanding market for turfgrass specialists in parks, recreation playfields and golf courses.

Turf Management Emphasis Suggested Sequence of Courses

Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	6	RP 2033	3
RP 1013	3	BIOL 2134 ^T	4	PSY 2003 ^T	3	ECON 2003 ^T	3
CHEM 1114 ^T	4	MATH 1003 ^{1, T}	3	Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	Humanities ^{1, T}	3
Physical Activity ^{1, T}	2	COMS 1003 ^T	3	RP 2003	3	RP 2013	3
		AGPS 1024	4			AGSS 2014	4
Total Hours	12	Total Hours	17	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16

Junior				Senior			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
RP 3013	3	RP 3043	3	RP 4001	1	RP 4023	3
RP 3033	3	AGPS 3053	3	RP 4063	3	AGSS 3033	3
RP 3034	4	RP 3063	3	RP 4103	3	AGEG 3003	3
RP 3763	3	RP 3793	3	RP 4753	3	RP 4763	3
RP 4013	3	AGPS 3244	4	RP 4113	3	RP 3791	1
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	13	Total Hours	13

Senior 9th Semester

Fall	
RP 4116 ³	6
Total Hours	6

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Interpretation Emphasis offers a curriculum that utilizes communication skills and interpretive methods courses to provide training for those wanting to find employment with various interpretive programs of private, state and federal agencies operating cultural and natural history oriented sites. Students are required to minor in Anthropology, Biology, or History.

Interpretation Emphasis Suggested Sequence of Courses

Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	PSY 2003 ^T	3	ECON 2003 ^T	3
RP 1013	3	BIOL 1014 ^T	4	RP 2003	3	RP 2033	3
GEOL 1014 ^T	4	COMS 1003 ^T	3	SPH 2003 ^T	3	RP 2013	3
Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	Physical Activity ^{1, T}	2	LBMD 2001	1
		MATH 1003 ^{1, T}	3	Approved Elective ²	4	Elective in Minor ³	3
Total Hours	13	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	13

Interpretation Emphasis

Junior		Senior					
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring		
Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	Humanities ^{1, T}	3	RP 4001	1	RP 4023	3
RP 3033	3	RP 3043	3	RP 4013	3	ANTH/MUSM 4403	3
RP 3013	3	RP 3063	3	RP 4103	3	RP Major Elective ⁴	6
RP 3034	4	Elective in Minor ³	7	RP 4113	3	Elective in Minor ³	5
RP 3093	3			Elective in Minor ³	3		
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	13	Total Hours	17
Senior 9th Semester							
Fall							
RP 4116 ⁵	6						
Total Hours	6						

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²See Departmental Advisor.

³Students must minor in Anthropology, History or Biology. See Departmental Advisor.

⁴Students must select from the following list of RP courses: RP 1993, 3023, 3773, 3783, 3993, 4033, 4042, 4053, 4093, 4773, 4783, 4991-3.

⁵Internship must be completed in last semester after all coursework has been completed.

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The minor in Recreation and Park Administration is designed for those students majoring in other disciplines who wish to develop specialized knowledge in the area of Recreation and Park Administration. This minor may be of particular interest to those students who wish to work for a recreation and park oriented agency after graduation. This minor may be well-suited for Emergency Management, Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, and Hospitality Administration majors. Flexibility in the minor allows students to choose courses to match their particular needs and interests. The minor in Recreation and Park Administration requires 18 hours of courses:

- RP 1013 Principles of Recreation and Park Administration
- RP 2003 Recreation Programming
- RP Electives (12 hours of RP academic courses including 9 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level, excluding RP 3043, RP 4001, and RP 4116)

Mission

The mission of the Hospitality Administration Program is to provide quality education in hospitality administration and provide a foundation for professional growth and development. This is achieved by:

- Providing knowledge, skills and abilities through a comprehensive academic curriculum.
- Demonstrating professionalism, leadership and high ethical standards by a competent faculty and administration.
- Promoting community service and outreach.
- Emphasizing the importance of research and continuing education.
- Encouraging life-long learning.

The Hospitality Administration degree program is designed to prepare students for management positions within the hospitality industry such as lodging, resorts, conference, convention and visitor centers, restaurants, contract services, theme parks and travel and 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. The Hospitality Administration Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration.

**Minor
Recreation
and Park
Administration**

**Hospitality
Administration**

The *Lodging and Club Management Emphasis* prepares students for management careers in hotels, lodging, resorts, and public and private clubs. This emphasis will analyze competitive strategies, leadership styles, teamwork, and technology in this dynamic and ever-changing hospitality industry.

**Curriculum in Lodging and Club Management Emphasis
Suggested Sequence of Courses**

Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	HA 2003	3	HA 2023	3
BIOL 1014 ^T	4	CHEM 1114 ^T	4	HA 2043	3	ACCT 2013 ^T	3
COMS 1003 ^T	3	MATH 1113 ^T	3	ACCT 2003 ^T	3	HA 3143	3
HA 1043	3	HA 1063	3	HA 2063	3	SPH 2173 ^T	3
Physical Activity ^{1, T}	2	Approved Electives ²	2	ECON 2003 ^T	3	PSY 2003 ^T	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15
Junior				Senior			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
BUAD 3023	3	HA 4093	3	HA 4113	3	HA 4243	3
Humanities ^{1, T}	3	Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	HA 4073	3	HA 4023	3
Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	GEOG 2013 ^T	3	HA 4063	3	HA 4203	3
Approved Electives ²	3	HA 4033	3	HA 4013	3	HA 4001	1
HA 2053	3	MGMT 3003	3	Approved Elective ²	3	HA 4253	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	13
Senior 9th Semester							
Fall							
HA 4116 ³	6						
Total Hours	6						

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The *Tourism and Event Management Emphasis* prepares students for careers in tourism, convention and visitors bureaus and sport and event management. This emphasis will provide a background in commercial recreation, recreational sport and event management in Arkansas' second leading industry and the world's largest industry. Tourism and Event Management is a collection of industries under the larger umbrella of hospitality management.

Curriculum in Tourism and Event Management Emphasis Suggested Sequence of Courses

Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	HA 2003	3	HA 2023	3
BIOL 1014 ^T	4	CHEM 1114 ^T	4	HA 2133	3	HA 3133	3
COMS 1003 ^T	3	MATH 1113 ^T	3	ACCT 2003 ^T	3	ACCT 2013 ^T	3
HA 1043	3	HA 1063	3	HA 2063	3	SPH 2173 ^T	3
Physical Activity ^{1, T}	2	Approved Electives ²	3	ECON 2003 ^T	3	PSY 2003 ^T	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15
Junior				Senior			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
BUAD 3023	3	RP 3503	3	HA 4023	3	Approved Electives ²	3
Humanities ^{1, T}	3	Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	HA 4073	3	HA 4053	3
Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	GEOG 2013 ^T	3	HA 4113	3	HA 4203	3
RP 3033	3	HA 4033	3	HA 4013	3	HA 4001	1
HA 2053	3	MGMT 3003	3	Approved Elective ²	2	HA 4093	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	14	Total Hours	13
Senior 9th Semester							
Fall							
HA 4116 ³	6						
Total Hours	6						
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The *Food and Beverage Management Emphasis* prepares students for management careers in the food and beverage industries as well as managed foodservice. This emphasis will provide the knowledge and skills necessary for a comprehensive management background in this dynamic and ever-changing hospitality industry. Restaurants are the nation's largest private-sector employer.

Curriculum in Food and Beverage Management Emphasis Suggested Sequence of Courses

Freshman				Sophomore			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGL 1013 ^{1, T}	3	ENGL 1023 ^{1, T}	3	HA 2003	3	HA 2053	3
BIOL 1014 ^T	4	CHEM 1114 ^T	4	HA 2023	3	HA 1923	3
COMS 1003 ^T	3	MATH 1113 ^T	3	ACCT 2003 ^T	3	ACCT 2013 ^T	3
HA 1043	3	HA 1063	3	HA 2063	3	SPH 2173 ^T	3
Physical Activity ^{1, T}	2	HA 1013	3	ECON 2003 ^T	3	PSY 2003 ^T	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15
Junior				Senior			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
BUAD 3023	3	Approved Electives ^{2, T}	3	HA 4023	3	HA 4033	3
Humanities ^{1, T}	3	Fine Arts ^{1, T}	3	HA 4073	3	HA 4113	3
Social Sciences ^{1, T}	3	GEOG 2013 ^T	3	HA 4063	3	HA 4203	3
HA 2813	3	Approved Electives ²	2	HA 4013	3	HA 4001	1
HA 2913	3	MGMT 3003	3	HA 4983	3	Approved Electives ²	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	14	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	13
Senior 9th Semester							
Fall							
HA 4116 ³	6						
Total Hours	6						

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²See Departmental Advisor.
³Internship must be completed in last semester after all coursework has been completed.
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Minor Hospitality Administration

The Hospitality Administration minor is designed for students of any major who want to learn about the hospitality profession. The minor in Hospitality Administration consists of 18 hours of coursework:

- HA 1043 Introduction to Hospitality Management
- HA 2053 Work Experience
- HA 4093 Resort Management
- HA Elective (3 hours)
- HA Elective (6 hours of 3000 or 4000 level)