

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION & PARK ADMINISTRATION - NATURAL RESOURCE

The Natural Resource Emphasis prepares students to manage large parks, natural areas, and associated visitor facilities. Planning and management of land and water resources to provide outdoor recreation opportunities.

Curriculum

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

Freshman

Fall	Credits
ENGL 1013 Composition I ¹	3
USHG 1XXX U S HISTORY & GOVERNMENT ¹	3
CHEM 1113 A Survey of Chemistry and CHEM 1111 Survey of Chemistry Laboratory or GEOL 1014 Physical Geology	4
RP 1001 Orientation to Recreation and Park Administration	1
RP 1013 Principles of Recreation and Park Administration	3
Total Hours	14

Spring	Credits
ENGL 1023 Composition II ¹	3
SS 1XXX Social Science Courses ¹	3
BIOL 2124 Principles of Zoology or BIOL 2134 Principles of Botany	4
MATH XXXX ¹	3
COMS 1003 Introduction to Computer Based Systems ¹	3
Total Hours	16

Sophomore

Fall	Credits
PSY 2003 General Psychology	3
FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	3
LBMD 2001 Introduction to Library Resources	1
RP 2003 Experience Programming	3
RP Major Elective ³	4
Total Hours	14

Spring	Credits
COMM 2003 Public Speaking	3
RP 2013 Open Space Management	3
RP 2033 Leadership in Experience Industries	3
Approved Elective ²	4
Total Hours	13

Junior

Fall	Credits
FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	3
RP 3013 Inclusive Recreation	3
RP 3033 Entrepreneurship in Experience Industries	3
RP 3034 Master Planning for Parks and Tourism	4
RP 3093 Interpretive Methods	3
Total Hours	16

Spring	Credits
RP 3043 Work Experience	3
RP 3053 Natural Resource Management	3
RP 3063 Outdoor Education	3
RP 3403 Experience Industry Finance Management	3
Approved Elective ²	3
Total Hours	15

Senior

Fall	Credits
HA 3013 Hospitality Marketing and Sales	3
RP 4013 Experience Industry Administration	3
RP 4063 Park Management	3
RP 4103 Recreation Law and Policy	3
Total Hours	12

Spring	Credits
RP 3113 Human Resource Management in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration / HA 3113 Human Resource Management in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration	3
HA 4001 Internship Preparation	1
RP 4023 Research Methods	3
RP 4053 Water Resources Development	3
RP Major Elective ³	1
Approved Elective ²	3
Total Hours	14

Senior 9th Semester

Fall	Credits
RP 4114 Internship I ⁴	4
RP Major Electives ³	2
Total Hours	6

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

²See Departmental Advisor or select from the following list:

BIOL 1014 Introduction to Biological Science, BIOL 1114 Principles of Biology, BIOL 2124 Principles of Zoology, BIOL 2134 Principles of Botany, or any 3000 or 4000 level BIOL course

FW 2003 Elements of Fish and Wildlife Management, or any 3000 or 4000 level FW course

GEOL 1014 Physical Geology or GEOL 3153 Environmental Geology, AGEG 3203 Soil, Water and Forest Conservation

AGPS 1024 Principles of Plant Science, AGPS 1033 Introduction to Forestry or AGPS 3244 Plant Pathology, AGSS 2014 Soils

FW 2833 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems / GEOG 2833 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

³Choose from the following RP courses: RP 1993 Basic Forest Firefighting, RP 3763 Introduction to Turfgrass Management, RP 3793 Turfgrass Pest Control, RP 3993 Wildland Fire Practices in Natural Resource Management, RP 4043 Field Seminar in Interpretive Methods, RP 4991 Special Problems, RP 4992 Special Problems, or RP 4993 Special Problems.

⁴Internship must be completed in last semester after all coursework has been completed.