

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION & PARK ADMINISTRATION - INTERPRETATION

The Interpretation Emphasis prepares students to lead communications about nature, culture, and history related to parks, recreation areas, museums, or other organizations in which they work. Students are required to minor in Anthropology, Biology, or History.

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 and Government ¹	3
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
MATH 1XXX ¹	3
BIOL 1014 Introduction to Biological Science	4
COMS 1003 Introduction to Computer Based Systems	3
Total Hours	13

Sophomore

Fall	Credits
PSY 2003 General Psychology	3
COMM 2003 Public Speaking	3
RP 2003 Experience Programming	3
Elective	3
Total Hours	12

Spring	Credits
SS 1XXX Social Science Courses ¹	3
LBMD 2001 Introduction to Library Resources	1

Spring	Credits
RP 2013 Open Space Management	3
RP 2033 Leadership in Experience Industries	3
Elective in Minor ²	3
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 3063 Outdoor Education	3
RP 3403 Experience Industry Finance Management	3
Elective in Minor ²	7
Total Hours	16

Senior

Fall	Credits
FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	3
RP 4013 Experience Industry Administration	3
RP 4103 Recreation Law and Policy	3
RP 3113 Human Resource Management in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration / HA 3113 Human Resource Management in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration	3
Elective in Minor ²	3
Total Hours	15

Spring	Credits
ANTH 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods / HIST 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods / MUSM 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods	3
RP 4001 Internship Preparation	1

Spring	Credits
RP 4023 Research Methods	3
RP Major Electives ³	3
Elective in Minor ²	5
Total Hours	15

Senior 9th Semester

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

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "[General Education Requirements](#)".

²Students must minor in Anthropology, History or Biology. See Departmental Advisor.

³Students must select from the following list of RP courses: RP 1993 Basic Forest Firefighting, RP 3023 Camp Administration, RP 3053 Natural Resource Management, RP 3133 Tourism Planning / HA 3113 Human Resource Management in Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration , RP 3993 Wildland Fire Practices in Natural Resource Management, RP 4053 Water Resources Development, RP 4093 Resort and Club Management / HA 4093 Resort and Club Management, RP 4951 Undergraduate Research in Recreation and Park Administration, RP 4952 Undergraduate Research in Recreation and Park Administration, RP 4953 Undergraduate Research in Recreation and Park Administration, RP 4954 Undergraduate Research in Recreation and Park Administration, RP 4991 Special Problems, RP 4992 Special Problems, RP 4993 Special Problems.

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