

**ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Principles of Recreation and Park Administration  
RP 1013 001 – Spring 2020  
MWF 9:00 A.M. – 9:50 A.M. Brown 435**

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**Required Texts**

McLean, D. D., Hurd, A., & Anderson, D. M. (2019). *Recreation and leisure in modern society*, 11<sup>th</sup> ed. Burlington, MA: Jones and Barlett Learning.

**Supplemental Text**

Cordes, K. A., & Hutson, G. A. (2015). *Outdoor recreation: Enrichment for a lifetime* 4th ed. Champaign, IL: Sagamore Publishing. (Copies will be on reserve in the library)

**RP 1013 Principles of Recreation and Park Administration.**

A study of the history of the recreation and park profession and the basic sociological and ecological intermix of contemporary recreation and park services.

**Recreation and Park Administration Mission Statement**

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

The Recreation and Park Administration Program at ATU is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions. Students graduating from ATU are qualified to sit for the Certified Park and Recreation Professional exam immediately following completion of the baccalaureate degree in Recreation and Park Administration. ATU has the only Recreation and Park Program in Arkansas nationally accredited by COAPRT.



**RP 1013 PRINCIPLE OF RECREATION & PARK ADMINISTRATION**

**Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this class, students should be able to demonstrate entry-level knowledge of the historical, scientific and philosophical foundations of the Recreation and Park profession and demonstrate entry level knowledge of the organizations of recreation and park agencies. More detailed topics are listed at the end of this syllabus.

<b>COAPRT STANDARDS</b>	<b>LEARNING OUTCOME(S)</b>	<b>METHOD(S) OF ASSESSMENT</b>
7.01.01-A	Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate entry-level knowledge of the organization of public, non-profit, and commercial recreation and park agencies.	Quizzes Exams IDP
7.01.01-B	Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate knowledge of the <u>theoretical</u> foundations of the profession.	Quizzes Exams Leisure, Recreation, & Play
7.01.01-C	Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate knowledge of the <u>philosophical</u> foundations of the profession.	Quizzes Exams Leisure, Recreation, & Play
7.01.01-D	Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate knowledge of the <u>people</u> related to the foundations of the profession.	Quizzes Exams Historical Figure Papers & Presentation
7.01.01-E	Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate knowledge of the <u>historical events</u> related to the foundations of the profession.	Quizzes Exams Historical Timeline

## Evaluation and Grading

### *Exams*

- There will be four (4) exams. Exams will cover lectures and readings. Test questions will include multiple choices, true/false, matching questions, and some short answer.
- The exam 4 (final) will be comprehensive.
- There will be no make-up exams for this course without prior notice of absence, special permission of the instructor, or extenuating circumstances on the part of the student.

### *Quizzes*

- There will be twelve (12) quizzes. The quizzes will be online on Blackboard.

### *Papers & Projects*

- Historical Timeline Project (Team) (submit in Blackboard)
- Historical Timeline Class Collaboration (in class)
- Leisure, Recreation, & Play Presentation (Team)(video presentation - Blackboard)
- Historical Figure Paper (Individual) (submit in Blackboard)
- Historical Figure Presentation (Individual or pairs) (in class)
- Individual Development Plan (IDP) (submit in class)

See descriptions and rubrics on Blackboard for more details.

### *Attendance and participation*

- Students are required to attend and participate all classes. Daily attendance will be taken.
- Students should notify the instructor ***prior to the class*** if they are unable to attend.
- Lateness will not be tolerated; more than five minutes late, absence will accrue.
- Attendance is more than a warm body in a seat.
- Excessive absences can result in the student being dropped from the course.
- All students are expected to participate in class discussions. Discussions not related to class should wait until after class.

### *Bonus Assignment*

- Leisure Time Journal (see Blackboard for more details) (+25pts)
- Finding research (discuss with instructor first about the topic) (+10pts)
- On-Track – Active Mind & Body with reflection paper (+50pts)
- Attend a state conference (+10pts) (additional +5pts for networking with 5 professionals)
- Attend a national conference (+20pts) (additional +5pts for networking with 5 professionals)
- Complete a professional certification (not part of a college course) (+25pts)

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### *Grading Policy and Method*

Papers cannot be emailed or handed in as a hard copy. **Word documents** are due online in Blackboard on the date identified in this syllabus. Projects will be turned in at the beginning of class. You are expected to turn in all assignments in a timely manner (which means by 9:00 am on the date they are due).

Exams	50pts each	200 points
Quizzes	20pts each	240 points
Historical Timeline Project (Team)		100 points
Historical Timeline Class Collaboration		50 points
Leisure, Recreation, & Play Presentation (Team – Video)		100 points
Historical Figure Paper (Individual)		100 points
Historical Figure Presentation		100 points
Individual Development Plan (IDP)		15 points
Attendance	2.5pts each day	95 points
		<b>Total 1000 points</b>

### *Grading:*

A	900-1000 of total points
B	800-899 of total points
C	700-799 of total points
D	600-699 of total points
F	000-599 of total points

### *Late Policy*

Late assignments will not be accepted past 7 days of the due date (*Extreme circumstance must be discussed with the instructor*). Late assignments will have the following deductions:

Up to 1 day late	10%
2 to 3 days late	30%
4 to 7 days late	50%
Above 7 days late	NOT ACCEPTED

**No assignments will be accepted during Pre-Finals Week or beyond.**

### *Writing Skills and Style*

Effective writing skills are important to any profession, attention will be paid to the actual writing components of your papers. All written work is to be professionally presented with attention paid to elements such as structure, clarity, grammar and spelling. You should give yourself time and opportunities to revise your work. All papers should be 1” margins all around, font New Times Roman size 12, and double space. In addition, utilize “APA (American Psychological Association) style, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition.” For more details regarding APA style, please check out <http://www.apastyle.org> or Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 6<sup>th</sup> edition (ISBN 1-55798-810-2) may be purchased at the ATU Bookstore or on line. Several copies are also available at the reference desk at the ATU Pendergraft Library. The *Writer’s Handbook 6<sup>th</sup> ed.*, found at the ATU bookstore under ENGL 1023, also has information on APA style. ***APA is the writing style adopted by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Hospitality Administration for all papers, reports and projects in all RP and HA courses.***

### **University Policies**

#### **Statement OF Non-Discrimination and Access**

Arkansas Tech University does not discriminate on the basis of color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, age, national origin, religion, veteran status, genetic information, or disability in any of practices, policies, or procedures. If you have experienced any form of discrimination or harassment, including sexual misconduct (e.g. sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, domestic or dating violence), we encourage you to report this to the institution.

If you report such an incident of misconduct to a faculty or staff member, they are required by law to notify Arkansas Tech University’s Title IX Coordinator and share the basic facts of your experience. The Title IX Coordinator will then be available to assist you in understanding all of your options and in connecting you with all possible resources on and off campus. For more information please visit:

<http://www.atu.edu/titleix/index.php>

Arkansas Tech University adheres to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to prevent barriers to academic accessibility. If you need an accommodation due to a disability, please contact the ATU Office of Disability Services, located in Doc Bryan Student Center, Suite 171, or visit <http://www.atu.edu/disabilities/index.php>

## Academic Misconduct & Dishonest

<https://www.atu.edu/academic-integrity/>

See the new [Student Handbook](#) for the university's policies.

Do NOT cheat, plagiarize, or copy.

## Technical Assistance

Technical support, including Blackboard support, is available online, via email, or by phone: Telephone Support: (479) 968-0646; 1-866-400-8022; Email

Support: [campussupport@atu.edu](mailto:campussupport@atu.edu)

Additional information may be found at: <https://ois.atu.edu/>

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day - 7 days a week \* Excluding holidays \*

When the library is closed, there will only be email and telephone support available.

## Assistance

Students should seek assistance and ask for help from the instructor, the campus support center, or other university staff as appropriate.

## Student Success Services

- **APEX Tutoring Center** has two locations on campus to help you with all of your courses:
  - **Ross Pendergaft Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor),**
  - **Doc Bryan, room 153.**
- The **Tutoring Schedule** will be provided in class, but can also be accessed online via the Tutoring Services website: <https://www.atu.edu/tutoring/>.
- **Academic Coaching**, and workshops are also available in this office.
- To find out more information contact the **Student Success Services office** at this email address: [student.success@atu.edu](mailto:student.success@atu.edu), by calling (479) 968-0278, or going to the office in **Doc Bryan 153.**

## Food/Housing

- Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to notify the instructor, if they are comfortable in doing so.

- Community resources are available for students and can be found at the following webpage: <https://www.atu.edu/localresources/>
- If a student finds they need more support, they are encouraged to contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services (479-968-0238).

#### **CLASS CONDUCT**

- **Please be on time for class.**
- **Please turn off all electrical devices including cell phones, pagers, CD players, A-Track players, headphones, and smart devices.**
- **Please do not text, watch videos, social media, or play games on cell phones, laptops, pads, or tablets during class.**
- **No photography in class.**
- **Please be respectful to your professor and colleagues.**
- **Please participate in the class discussions. Save off-topic conversations until the class has been dismissed.**

**Check on Blackboard for Tentative Schedule**