

PARKS, TOURISM, AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT B.S.

The B.S. in Parks, Tourism & Recreation Management degree is designed to prepare students for professional positions developing and managing nature-based recreation experiences and park resources for public land management agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the nature-based tourism industry. Students pursuing this degree must choose between an concentration in Recreation Resources Management or Nature-Based Tourism. The Recreation Resources Management concentration provides the educational background necessary for evaluating and managing wild lands to protect their recreational, heritage, and ecological values. The Nature-Based Tourism concentration is designed to combine an understanding of social, cultural, political, environmental, and economic contexts surrounding tourism in a natural resource setting. All students learn the processes and conceptual skills needed to determine alternative management strategies, make management decisions, and carry out management programs. Included are courses leading to an understanding of the basic ecological characteristics of recreational lands. Students also take courses dealing with human behavior and management. Emphasis is placed on presenting problems that would be encountered while managing national parks and forests, state and regional parks, wilderness areas, and other recreation resources of international and national significance.

General Degree Requirements

To earn a baccalaureate degree, all students must complete successfully, in addition to any other requirements, the University of Montana General Education Requirements. Please refer to the General Education Requirements page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/academics/general-education-requirements/>) for more information.

Additional requirements for graduation can be found on the Degree/Certificate Requirements for Graduation page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/academics/graduation-requirements/>).

Unless otherwise noted in individual program requirements, a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in all work attempted at the University of Montana-Missoula is required for graduation. Please see the Academic Policies and Procedures page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/academics/policies-procedures/>) for information on how your GPA is calculated.

Courses taken to satisfy the requirements of a major, minor, or certificate program must be completed with a grade of C- or better unless a higher grade is noted in the program requirements.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE - PARKS, TOURISM, AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Lower-Division Major Required Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
NRSM 121S	Environmental Science and Sustainability	3
or PTRM 141Y	National Parks and American Culture	

PTRM 150	First Year Seminar in Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management	1
PTRM 210S	Nature Tourism & Commercial Recreation	3
PTRM 217S	Parks & Outdoor Recreation Management	3
Complete one of the following courses with a lab:		3-4
NRSM 211N & NRSM 212N	Soils and Water and Ecology, Physics and Taxonomy of Soils	
GPHY 111N & GPHY 112N	Intro to Physical Geography: Climate, Landforms, and Vegetation and Intro to Physical Geography Laboratory: Climate, Landforms, and Vegetation	

Lower-Division Outside Major Required Courses

Complete all of the following courses:

ACTG 201	Principles of Financial Accounting	3
ACTG 202	Principles of Managerial Accounting	3
COMX 111A	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
or THTR 120A	Introduction to Acting I	
ECNS 201S	Principles of Microeconomics	3
M 115	Probability and Linear Mathematics	3
PSYX 100S	Intro to Psychology	3
or SOCI 101S	Introduction to Sociology	

Complete one of the following courses: 3

BIOB 160	Principles of Living Systems	
BIOB 170N	Principles of Biological Diversity	
BIOE 172N	Introductory Ecology	
BIOO 105N	Introduction to Botany	

Complete one of the following courses: 3-4

STAT 216	Introduction to Statistics	
SOCI 202	Social Statistics	
FORS 201	Forest Biometrics	

Upper-Division Major Required Courses

Complete all of the following courses:

BIOE 447	Ecosystem Ecology	3
or FORS 330	Forest Ecology	
or NRSM 462	Rangeland Ecology	
NRSM 422	Natural Resource Policy and Administration	3
PTRM 300	Recreation Behavior	3
PTRM 310	Natural Resource Interpretation and Communication	3
PTRM 380	Recreation Administration & Leadership	3
PTRM 482	Wilderness & Protected Area Management	3
or PTRM 451	Tourism & Sustainability	
PTRM 484	Capstone in Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management	3
PTRM 485	Recreation Planning	3
or PTRM 486	Entrepreneurship in Tourism and Recreation	
PTRM 498	Internship	1-6

Skills Courses

Complete 3 credits from the following courses: 3

NRSM 379	Collaborations in Natural Resource Decisions	
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BMKT 325 Principles of Marketing

FORS 250 Intro to GIS for Forest Mgt

Advanced Writing Requirement

Complete one of the following courses: 3

PTRM 451 Tourism & Sustainability

PTRM 482 Wilderness & Protected Area Management

Total Hours 68-75