

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.

Bachelor of Science - Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management

General Education Requirements

Information regarding these requirements can be found in the General Education Section (<http://catalog.umn.edu/academics/general-education-requirements/>) of the catalog.

Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Lower-Division Major Required Courses		13-14
Lower-Division Outside Major Required Courses		24-25
Upper-Division Major Required Courses		25-30
Skills Courses		3
Advanced Writing Requirement		3
Total Hours		68-75

Degree Specific Credits: 68-75

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Lower-Division Major Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
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	Soils and Water	
& NRSM 212N	and Ecology, Physics and Taxonomy of Soils	
GPHY 111N	Intro to Physical Geography: Climate, Landforms, and Vegetation	
& GPHY 112N	and Intro to Physical Geography Laboratory: Climate, Landforms, and Vegetation	
Total Hours		13-14

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Lower-Division Outside Major Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
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
BIOL 160N	Principles of Living Systems	
BIOL 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	
Total Hours		24-25

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Upper-Division Major Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
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
Total Hours		25-30

Skills Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 credits from the following courses:		3
ECP 120 & ECP 121	Emergency Medical Responder Lecture and Emergency Medical Responder Lab	
NRSM 379	Collaborations in Natural Resource Decisions	
BMKT 325	Principles of Marketing	
FORS 250	Intro to GIS for Forest Mgt	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Advanced Writing Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses:		3
PTRM 451	Tourism & Sustainability	
PTRM 482	Wilderness & Protected Area Management	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Tracks

These are advising tracks only and not official programs as recognized by the University of Montana (UM) or the Montana University System. This information will not appear on your UM transcript, diploma, university lists, student data system, or university publication. You do not fill out a major change for a track.

Nature Based Tourism Recommended Electives

Rule: Can take these track courses

Note: Courses are not required in this track - please talk to a faculty advisor on what classes will be best for your area of interest.

Code	Title	Hours
ANTY 101H	Anthropology & the Human Experience	3
BMKT 325	Principles of Marketing	3
BMKT 337	Consumer Behavior	3
COMX 220S	Introduction to Organizational Communication	3
COMX 351	Principles of Public Relations	3
ECNS 202S	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
FORS 202	Forest Mensuration	3
FORS 320	Forest Environmental Economics	3
FORS 351	Env Remote Sensing	3

GEO 101N	Introduction to Physical Geology	3
GPHY 111N	Intro to Physical Geography: Climate, Landforms, and Vegetation	3
GPHY 311N	Biogeography	3
GPHY 433	Community Resilience	3
NRSM 379	Collaborations in Natural Resource Decisions	3
NRSM 389E	Ethics and Sustainability	3
NRSM 475	Environment & Development	3
PHL 112E	Intro Ethics and Environment	3
PTRM 150	First Year Seminar in Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management	1

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Outdoor Recreation Services

Rule: Can take these track courses

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Code	Title	Hours
BMGT 401	Event Management	3
COMX 115S	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COMX 220S	Introduction to Organizational Communication	3
COMX 421	Communication in Nonprofit Organizations	3
ENST 225S	Sustainable Communities	3
ENST 230H	Nature and Society	3
GPHY 121S	Human Geography	3
NASX 180	Event Planning	3
NPAD 467	Advanced Nonprofit Admin	3
NRSM 379	Collaborations in Natural Resource Decisions	3
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S W 300	Human Behavior & Social Environment	3
SOCI 346	Rural Sociology	3
SOCI 350	The Community	3

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Recreation Resource Management Track

Rule: Can take these track courses

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Code	Title	Hours
CHMY 121N	Introduction to General Chemistry	4
COMX 421	Communication in Nonprofit Organizations	3
FORS 230	Fire Management & Environmental Change	3
FORS 240	Tree Biology	2
FORS 241N	Dendrology	3
FORS 250	Intro to GIS for Forest Mgt	3
FORS 331	Wildland Fuel Management	3
FORS 333	Fire Ecology	3

FORS 347	Multiple Resource Silviculture	3
GPHY 121S	Human Geography	3
GPHY 433	Community Resilience	3
NRSM 265	Elements of Ecological Restoration	3
NRSM 379	Collaborations in Natural Resource Decisions	3
NRSM 389E	Ethics and Sustainability	3
NRSM 475	Environment & Development	3
PTRM 150	First Year Seminar in Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management	1

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