

# PARKS, TOURISM AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT M.S.

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## Master of Science - Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management

Degree Specific Credits: 30

Required Cumulative GPA: 3.0

The specific courses (program of study) that a graduate student enrolls in will be tailored to each individual, based on their academic background, professional interest, and the focus of their thesis work. The minimum requirements for the M.S. Degree include:

- At least 30 graduate semester credits. Specific courses determined by the student's graduate committee.
- At least 20 credits in coursework (not including thesis or research credits), with at least half (minimum 10 credits) of the 20 coursework credits at the 500-level or above. 400-level courses used to fulfil this requirement must include a "graduate increment".
- At least 20 credits (including coursework, research, and thesis credits) within the major discipline.
- A maximum of 10 credits of research and/or thesis.
- At least one credit of graduate seminar per semester (FORS, NRSM, PTRM, or WILD 594).
- A research methods course related to the student's field of study.
- A graduate-level statistics course (or comparable analytical course).
- Thesis or Professional Paper Options:
  - The thesis option includes:
    - A formal research proposal presenting the conceptual and empirical framework of the research.
    - A thesis – written thesis, seminar, and defense.
  - The professional paper option includes:
    - A formal project proposal presenting the conceptual and empirical framework of the professional paper.
    - A professional paper – written paper, seminar, and defense.

In addition to these specific requirements, a list of required/suggested coursework must be approved by the committee no later than the second semester in residence, but earlier if possible. Other suitable courses (e.g., emphasizing analytical skills) can be substituted at the discretion of the student's committee.