Dual-Titles

Dual-Title M.S. and Ph.D. in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management and TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-title-graduate-degree-programs/).

Admission Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management and The Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society Bulletin page (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/transdisciplinary-research-environment-society/). Doctoral students should enroll in a dual-title graduate degree program early in their training, and no later than the end of the fourth semester (not counting summer semesters) of entry into the graduate major program.

Degree Requirements

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the degree they are enrolled in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual title in Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society listed on the Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society Bulletin page (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/transdisciplinary-research-environment-society/).

The qualifying examination for Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management will satisfy the qualifying exam requirement for the dual-title degree program in TREES. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees, the Ph.D. committee of a Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management and Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society, the member of the committee representing Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society must be appointed as co-chair. The Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society representative on the student’s Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management and Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School.