RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The minor in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management provides an introduction to recreation/leisure services, and emphasizes professional skills essential for successful delivery of these services. Examples of settings offering recreation/leisure services include resorts, theme parks, convention centers, sports and fitness facilities, private corporations, nonprofit agencies, governmental agencies (municipal, state, and federal levels), armed services, colleges and universities, correctional facilities, camps, public parks, nature centers, hospitals and other health care agencies.

Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10).

In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student’s major(s).

Program Requirements

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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better
Select 6 credits in RPTM, three of which must be from 400-level RPTM courses

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/)

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Career Paths

A minor in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management can be an excellent complementary set of courses for students interested in working or going on the graduate school in several fields, including hospitality management, kinesiology, human development and family studies, environmental or educational fields and more. The specialized business knowledge of how programs and organizations in the RPTM field can enrich opportunities for students who will work in these fields as they partner with RPTM organizations.

Careers

Effective and engaging use of leisure time is an increasingly important part of American society, as well as an issue for an increasingly global world. Whether working in human resources, community nonprofits, business development or more, an RPTM minor can be a differentiator in highlighting a student’s ability to connect with the interests in recreational facilities, national parks or tourism and travel.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A MINOR IN RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT (http://www.nrpa.org/careers-education/)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Students interested in graduate studies in hospitality or sports management, environmental tourism and sustainability, business, law, or related fields may find the RPTM minor helpful.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
(https://hhd.psu.edu/rptm/recreation-park-and-tourism-management-
graduate-program/)

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