

# RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT, B.S. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** Greater Allegheny

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	2-11
Requirements for the Major	67-74

**0-4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 0-4 credits of General Education courses: 0-4 credits of GQ courses.**

Per Senate Policy 83.80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. RPTM requires students to complete 24 credits for the major through courses taken at University Park. Courses taken at other Penn State campuses may not be counted toward this 24 credit minimum. For more information, check the Recommended Academic Plan for this major.

## General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

### Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

### Knowledge Domains

- **Arts (GA):** 6 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 6 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 6 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 9 credits

### Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)

- **Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses:** 6 credits

## University Degree Requirements

### First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- **United States Cultures:** 3 credits
- **International Cultures:** 3 credits

### Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

### Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 120	Leisure and Human Behavior	3
RPTM 220	Sustainability, Society, and Well-being	3

RPTM 236	Leadership and Group Dynamics in Recreation Services	3
RPTM 277	Inclusive Leisure Services	3
RPTM 390	Political and Legal Aspects of Recreation Services	3
RPTM 410	Marketing of Recreation Services	3
RPTM 433W	Program Evaluation and Research in Recreation Services	3
RPTM 456	Programming in Recreation Services	3

**Requirements for the Option**

Select an option 43-50

**Requirements for the Option****Commercial Recreation and Tourism Management Option (46-50 credits)***Available at the following campuses: Abington, Greater Allegheny, University Park, World Campus*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 101	Introduction to Recreation Services	3
RPTM 210	Introduction to Commercial Recreation and Tourism	3
RPTM 300Y	Tourism and Leisure Behavior	3
RPTM 394	Orientation to Internship	1
RPTM 415	Commercial Recreation Management	3
RPTM 495A	Internship in Recreation Services	12

**Additional Courses**

Select 6-7 courses of the following: 6-7

CAS 283 Communication and Information Technology I  
or CMPSC 203 Introduction to Spreadsheets and DatabasesRPTM 370 Introduction to Arena Management  
or RPTM 435 Recreation Facilities Planning and Management**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

Consult with an adviser to review course recommendations, Minors, 15-18 and Certificate Programs. A minimum of 6 credits must be completed at the 400 level.

**Community Recreation Management Option (43-47 credits)***Available at the following campuses: Abington, Greater Allegheny, University Park*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 101	Introduction to Recreation Services	3
RPTM 201	Introduction to Community Recreation	3
RPTM 334	Non-profit Recreation Agency Operations	3
RPTM 394	Orientation to Internship	1
RPTM 495A	Internship in Recreation Services	12

**Additional Courses**

Select 6-7 credits from: 6-7

CAS 283 Communication and Information Technology I  
or CMPSC 203 Introduction to Spreadsheets and DatabasesRPTM 370 Introduction to Arena Management<sup>1</sup>  
or RPTM 435 Recreation Facilities Planning and Management**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

Consult with an adviser to review course recommendations, Minors, 15-18 and Certificate Programs. A minimum of 6 credits must be completed at the 400 level.

<sup>1</sup> Requires a grade of C or better**Professional Golf Management Option (43-45 credits)***Available at the following campuses: University Park*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
BA 303	Marketing	3
BA 304	Management and Organization	3
BLAW 243	Legal Environment of Business	3
HM 336	Hospitality Managerial Accounting	3
HM 466	Human Resource Management in the Hospitality Industry	3
RPTM 100S	Introduction to Golf Management	2
RPTM 295A	Introduction to Golf Management	3
RPTM 360	Golf Operations Management	3
RPTM 395B	Participation in Golf Management	3
RPTM 495B	Internship in Golf Management	3
RPTM 495C	Internship in Golf Management	3
RPTM 495D	Internship in Golf Management	2
TURF 100	Introduction to Turfgrass Management	3

**Additional Courses**

ACCTG 211	Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making	3-4
or HM 335	Hospitality Financial Accounting	
STAT 100	Statistical Concepts and Reasoning	3-4
or STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	

**Outdoor Recreation Management Option (49-50 credits)***Available at the following campuses: University Park*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 101	Introduction to Recreation Services	3
RPTM 320	Recreation Resource Planning and Management	3
RPTM 325	Principles of Environmental Interpretation	3
RPTM 330	Adventure-Based Program Leadership	3
RPTM 394	Orientation to Internship	1
RPTM 435	Recreation Facilities Planning and Management	3
RPTM 495A	Internship in Recreation Services	12

**Additional Courses**

CAS 283	Communication and Information Technology I	3-4
or CMPSC 203	Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases	

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

Select 18 credits in an Outdoor Recreation pathway. Consult with an adviser to review course recommendations and pathways. At least 6 credits in RPTM must be completed at the 400 level (not including core or prescribed courses).