

# RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT (RPTM)

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## RPTM 501: Leisure Studies Foundations

3 Credits

This course provides general background knowledge about the literature and research methods central to the field of leisure studies.

## RPTM 510: Tourism Behavior: An interdisciplinary Approach

3 Credits

An exploration of the various approaches that have been taken in the social sciences to understand tourism behavior.

**Prerequisite:** 3 credits in statistics; 3 credits in behavioral science

## RPTM 525: Behavioral Patterns of the Outdoor Recreationist

3 Credits

Patterns of time and space use; user characteristics; meaning of participation; facilitation of environment-use enhancement.

## RPTM 527: Social Psychology of Leisure

3 Credits

Application of the methods, constructs, and theory of social psychology to the study of leisure, outdoor recreation, and therapeutic recreation.

**Prerequisite:** PSYCH420 , SOC 403

## RPTM 530: Research Methods in Leisure Studies

3 Credits

Research techniques, including methods, research design, techniques for data collection, as applied to relevant problems in the leisure studies field.

## RPTM 533: Leisure Studies, Surveys, and Appraisals

3 Credits

Advanced procedures related to leisure, recreation, and park research.

**Prerequisite:** RPTM 530 ; 3 credits in statistics

## RPTM 535: Collection and Analysis of Qualitative Data

3 Credits

In this course, students will be given an overview of and have the opportunity to apply many techniques employed by qualitative social science researchers. A particular emphasis will be on inductive, fieldwork-based research methods including participant observation and in-depth interviewing. During class meetings students will participate in seminar discussion of assigned reading material and the shared experiences associated with the preparation of course assignments. These assignments will develop methodological experience through activities conducted locally. Across the semester students will also

develop a more elaborate funding proposal for research based on qualitative methodologies. The course will be of particular value to students preparing for thesis or dissertation research utilizing qualitative methods. Though qualitative research is often associated with an interpretivist or humanistic research paradigm, participants espousing a scientific/positivist paradigm are also encouraged to enroll, as are students from outside of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management.

## RPTM 537: Scholarly Development in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management

3 Credits

This course, taught from a recreation, park and tourism management perspective, provides an overview of the varied expectations and responsibilities for doctoral graduates at universities/colleges, non-profit organizations, and governmental agencies. Topics include grant/contract proposals, scholarly and professional publications, and the development of professional vitae, narrative, and teaching portfolios.

## RPTM 540: Public and Private Recreation Lands and Waters

3 Credits

Public and private roles and interactions, allocation of resources, use policies, open space concepts, private enterprise developments, legal controls.

## RPTM 545: Philosophical and Social Bases of Leisure

3 Credits

Philosophical and social bases of leisure; analysis of critical issues of leisure for philosophical and social implications.

## RPTM 596: Individual Studies

1-9 Credits/Maximum of 9

Creative projects, including nonthesis research, which are supervised on an individual basis and which fall outside the scope of formal courses.

## RPTM 597: Special Topics

1-9 Credits/Maximum of 9

Formal courses given on a topical or special interest subject which may be offered infrequently; several different topics may be taught in one year or term.

## RPTM 600: Thesis Research

1-15 Credits/Maximum of 999

No description.

## RPTM 601: Ph.D. Dissertation Full-Time

0 Credits/Maximum of 999

No description.

## RPTM 602: Supervised Experience in College Teaching

1-3 Credits/Maximum of 6

Supervised experience in teaching and orientation to other selected aspects of the profession at The Pennsylvania State University.

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RPTM 610: Thesis Research Off Campus

1-15 Credits/Maximum of 999

No description.

RPTM 611: Ph.D. Dissertation Part-Time

0 Credits/Maximum of 999

No description.