

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.

Students who minor in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management gain knowledge and competencies in recreation leadership, program development and implementation, and administration of recreation services. In addition, students explore the relevance of recreation and leisure in their own lives. Support courses enable the student to focus on specialized services, such as commercial recreation and tourism, community recreation, park management, event management, and environmental interpretation.

You Might Like This Program If...

You like to work with people and want to work in a field that provides experiences for participants through events, specialized facilities, hands on experiences, tourism and recreation and in the outdoors.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT (<https://hhd.psu.edu/rptm/undergraduate/minor-recreation-park-and-tourism-management/>)

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	21

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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).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 101	Introduction to Recreation Services	3
RPTM 120	Leisure and Human Behavior	3
RPTM 236	Leadership and Group Dynamics in Recreation Services	3

RPTM 456	Programming in Recreation Services	3
RPTM 410	Marketing of Recreation Services	3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 6 credits in RPTM, three of which must be from 400-level RPTM courses		6

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 (<https://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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