

## Bachelor of Science Recreation and Park Administration

The Department offers an accredited BS degree, a minor and a MS degree in Recreation and Park Administration. The faculty is committed to combining theory and experience in preparing students for successful employment in the field. The BS degree provides 15 credit hours of direct hands-on field experience. A career in park, recreation and leisure services allows students to have an impact in their communities, on the environment, and in the lives of others.

## Recreation and Tourism: The World's Largest Industry

## **Employment Opportunities**

Local/State/National Parks **Community Recreation Rehabilitation Hospitals** State/Local Tourism Military Recreation **U.S.** Forest Service **Behavioral Centers** Theme Parks **Campus Recreation** Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts **Residential Facilities Correctional Facilities** Fish and Wildlife Resorts Adult Daycare Centers YMCA/YWCA 4-H **Psychiatric Hospitals** Public and Private Camps Long-Term Care Facilities Wilderness Therapy Challenge Courses Churches Boys Clubs/Girls Clubs

## Internship Examples

Kentucky State Parks Joshua Tree National Park, CA Daniel Boone National Forest, KY Cincinnati Recreation Commission, OH Lexington Div. of Parks and Recreation, KY Rocky Mountain National Park, CO Frazier Rehabilitation Institute, KY American Hospitality Academy, SC Fripp Island Resort, SC Sundial Beach Resort, FL Land Between The Lakes, KY Ridge Behavioral Health System Sawgrass Marriott Resort, FL North American River Runners, WV Kiawah Island Golf Resort, SC HealthSouth Rehab Hospitals Boulder Parks and Recreation, CO VA Federal Medical Center, KY Ft.Knox MWR, KY Mammoth Cave National Park Kentucky 4-H Henderson Parks and Recreation, NV Turtle Bay Resort, HI Exposure Alaska, AK Yosemite National Park, CA

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#### Minor

You can also obtain a minor in Recreation and Park Administration with the completion of 19 credit hours.



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## **Undergraduate Admissions:**

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## **Course Examples**

**REC 101 Recreation & Tourism Careers REC 180 Outdoor Adventure Activities REC 190 Challenge Course Introduction** REC 200 Leisure Diversity and Culture **REC 210 Equine Assisted Therapy REC 280 Programming Special Events REC 290 Adventure Programming REC 380 Natural Resource Tourism** REC 411 TR Services for the Senior Adult

#### **Recreation Management** and Programming:

- Local/municipal park and recreation departments
- State and Federal agencies
- Non-profit agencies, such as YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Community Centers, Campus Recreation & Camps

#### **Natural Resources Recreation Management:**

- Local/State/Federal Agencies, such as National Park Service, US Forest Service & 4-H
- Ecotourism
- **KY State Parks**
- Non-Profit Conservation Agencies
- Naturalist/Ranger

### **Therapeutic Recreation:**

- Community-based special recreation
- Long-term care
- Psychiatric hospitals
- Rehabilitation hospitals
- **Special Olympics**
- Wounded Warriors

#### **Tourism and Resort Recreation:**

- Destination resorts
- Adventure travel
- Theme parks
- Cultural & historical travel attractions
- Government tourism agencies
- **Outfitters & Guides**



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