

EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL 2012

Program Revision Request: B.S. in Recreation Administration (Generalist)  
Core and elective course revisions

Reason for the Request:

The Department of Recreation Administration is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COAPRT). Generalist students graduating from our (accredited) program are eligible to sit for the *Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP)* examination. Recognized as one of the most desirable certifications in the field of parks and recreation, the CPRP exam represents the most reliable and valid measure of the knowledge required for professional practice in the field of park and recreation services. More specifically, items included on the exam are job related and intended to test the minimal knowledge, skills, and abilities required of entry level leisure professionals. Recently, a job analysis was conducted to update the content areas within the CPRP exam. The findings from the job analysis resulted in the identification of three main content domains (with 129 tasks included within the three domains) of the CPRP examination. One of the three main domains on the exam is Operations Management. Operations Management is concerned with the successful planning, management, and maintenance of a park and recreation agency's facilities and park areas. From conducting needs assessments for future resource development to implementing operating policies and procedures, the park and recreation professional must possess the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to effectively manage and control these facilities and park areas. Our department has a course that addresses the maintenance and operations of leisure facilities, but it is currently an elective for students. Adding REC 3900 (Operations of Leisure Facilities) to the core course requirement will address our current deficiency (as it relates to the Operations Management domain of the CPRP exam) in the areas of operations and maintenance of parks and facilities.

APPROVALS:

Date approved by the department: July 14, 2011

Date approved by the CEPS Curriculum Committee: October 24, 2011

Date approved by CAA:

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### Major

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#### The Recreation Administration Major Comprises

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- REC 2250 - Principles of Therapeutic Recreation Credits: 3
- REC 2290 - Programming for Leisure Agencies. Credits: 3
- REC 3550 - Fieldwork in Recreation I. Credits: 3
- or
- REC 3551 - Fieldwork in Recreation II. Credits: 3
- REC 3910 - Microcomputers in Leisure Agencies. Credits: 3
- REC 4274 - Pre-Internship. Credits: 1
- REC 4275 - Internship. Credits: 6
- (6 sem. hrs.)
- REC 4600 - Planning and Design of Leisure Facilities. Credits: 4
- REC 4740 - Research and Evaluation in Leisure Studies. Credits: 3
- REC 4830 - Administration of Leisure Services. Credits: 3
- REC 4850 - Financial Practices for Leisure Service Agencies. Credits: 3

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- REC 3300 - Commercial and Employee Recreation. Credits: 3
- REC 3310 - Travel and Tourism. Credits: 3
- REC 3320 - Festivals and Special Events. Credits: 3
- REC 3510 - Camp Administration and Leadership. Credits: 2
- REC 3515 - Camping for Individuals with Disabilities. Credits: 3
- REC 3560 - Outdoor Living Skills. Credits: 2
- REC 3860 - Environmental Interpretation. Credits: 2
- REC 3900 - Operation of Leisure Facilities. Credits: 3
- REC 3960 - Special Topics in Leisure Studies. Credits: 1 to 3
- REC 4741 - Independent Study. Credits: 1 to 6
- REC 4950 - Leisure and Aging. Credits: 3

### **1 Semester Hour of KSS Activity Courses**

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### **6 Semester Hours of Electives**

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Proposed Concentration Changes: [add](#) [delete](#)

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