

EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL 2013

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 four main content domains (with 47 tasks included within the four domains) of the CPRP examination. One of the four main domains on the exam is Human Resources. Human Resources is concerned with the design of formal systems in a public park and recreation agency to ensure effective and efficient use of human talent to accomplish organizational goals. To be successful, the park and recreation professional must be competent in several human resource management functions, including: planning, recruitment, selection, placement, development, performance management, compensation and benefits, and employee health/safety/security. To maintain our accredited status, it is expected that our department provide a course that meets the HR content within the CPRP exam. Our department currently does not have a course that addresses these HR management functions. Adding REC 4700 (Employee and Volunteer Management in Recreation) to the core course requirement will address our current deficiency (as it relates to the Human Resources domain of the CPRP exam) in the areas of volunteer and staff management in parks and recreation.

APPROVALS:

Date approved by the department: October 23, 2012

Date approved by the CEPS Curriculum Committee:

Date approved by CAA:

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Major

(65 total semester hours)

The Recreation Administration Major Comprises

- [REC 1320 - Leadership in Recreation.](#) Credits: 3
- [REC 1780 - Introduction to Leisure Service Agencies.](#) Credits: 3
- [REC 2250 - Recreation Services for People with Disabilities.](#) 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 3900 - Operation of Leisure Facilities.](#) Credits: 3
- [REC 3910 - Microcomputers in Leisure Agencies.](#) Credits: 3
- [REC 4274 - Pre-Internship.](#) Credits: 1
- [REC 4275 - Internship.](#) Credits: 6
- [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

15 Semester Hours of REC Electives

- [REC 2500 - The Challenge of Leisure.](#) Credits: 3
- [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 3560 - Outdoor Living Skills.](#) Credits: 2
- [REC 3860 - Environmental Interpretation.](#) Credits: 2
- [REC 3960A - Special Topics: Consortium.](#) Credits: 3
- or REC 3960B-M
- [REC 47411 - Independent Study.](#) Credits: 1

- or REC 47412 or REC 47413
- REC 4950 - Leisure and Aging. Credits: 3

6 Semester Hours of Electives

6 hrs. of electives from ACC, BUS, ECN, MGT, and MAR approved by advisor and department chair.

PSY 1879G or other 3 Semester Hour Psychology elective approved by advisor and department chair.

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

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