
The University of Tennessee at Martin

Park & Recreation Administration Concentration, 2004-2005

Career Opportunities

The park and recreation administration curriculum is designed for students wishing to work in natural resources and with people who use these resources for recreational purposes. This field is for those who recognize a current environmental crisis and are willing to work hard to help protect our environment from further degradation. This program also offers professional careers for students who recognize the value of recreation, play and leisure in our everyday lives and the benefits of organized recreation programs. The park and recreation field offers a diversity of career possibilities, and the UT Martin curriculum prepares graduates capable in both park management and recreation management.

Employment Possibilities

Although competition is keen, students graduating from this program are competitive and prepared to enter professional careers with public agencies such as: National Park Service, Corps of Engineers, Armed Forces, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, state parks, city (large and small), county and regional parks and recreational agencies. Employment with non-profit organizations such as church groups, scouting, boys' clubs, girls' clubs, and young men's and women's Christian associations are also possibilities.

Students interested in pursuing careers in the private sector may seek employment with such organizations as Six Flags, Busch Gardens, travel agencies, racquet clubs and raft or canoe companies.

The park and recreation field is large and diversified. It is the policy of our staff to aid students in their efforts to find both seasonal and permanent employment.

Facilities

UT Martin has one of the most beautiful campuses in the state. It is comprised of 900 acres of land, which includes mature shade trees and floral gardens. Instruction is not limited to the campus. Numerous field trips are made to visit the wealth of natural resources and park and recreation organizations in the region. Reelfoot Lake State Park and National Wildlife Refuge, Paris Landing State Resort Park, Natchez Trace State Park, the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Shiloh National Military Park and Fort Donelson National Monument are just a few attractions in the area. The regional studies course has taken students on two-week tent camping treks as far as the Everglades, Gettysburg, Yellowstone and Grand Canyon National Parks. Modern classrooms and laboratories and numerous computer facilities are also available for student use.

For More Information

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Program of Study

This list includes all courses required; however, the sequence may be flexible.

Freshman Year

Fall

Biology 110: Introductory Cell Biology and Genetics . . .	4
English 111: English Composition	3
Math 140: College Algebra and Elementary Functions	3
Natural Resources Management 100: Intro to Natural Resources Management	3
Park and Recreation Administration 100: <u>Fundamentals of Park and Recreation Administration</u> .	3
Total Hours	16

Spring

Biology 120: Introductory Plant and Animal Biology . . .	4
English 112: English Composition	3
Park and Recreation Administration 110: Park Management	3
Philosophy 160: Introduction to Ethics	3
<u>Economics 100: American Enterprise System</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	16

Sophomore Year

Fall

Agricultural Engineering Technology 220: Surveying and Soil and Water Engineering	3
Chemistry 121: General Chemistry	4
Criminal Justice 200: Introduction to Criminal Justice .	3
Math 210: Elementary Statistics and Probability	3
Natural Resources Management 210: Mediating <u>Environmental Conflicts</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	16

Spring

Accounting Elective*	3
Communications 230: Public Speaking	3
Geology 111: Physical Geology	4
Park and Recreation Administration 200: Recreation Leadership and Programming	3
<u>Soil Science 210: Introduction to Soil Science</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Hours	17

Junior Year

Fall

Biology 331: General Ecology	3
Computer Science 201: Introduction to Computer Applications	3
Natural Resources Management 390: Career Planning in Natural Resource Management	2
Park and Recreation Administration 300: Technological Applications in PRA	3
Plant Science 341: Dendrology and Forest Ecology . .	3
<u>Global Dynamics Elective*</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	17

Spring

Health 320: Advanced First Aid and CPR	3
Park and Recreation Administration 310: Recreation Area Design and Comprehensive Planning	4
Plant Science 321: Landscape Management	3
<u>Restricted Electives</u>	<u>6</u>
Total Hours	16

Senior Year

Fall

Park and Recreation Administration 400: Interpretation of Natural and Cultural Resources	3
Aesthetics Elective*	3
Natural Resources Management Elective	3
<u>Restricted Electives</u>	<u>5</u>
Total Hours	14

Spring

Park and Recreation Administration 430: Supervised <u>Field Experience</u>	<u>12</u>
Total Hours	12

*See catalog for options.