The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism is among the oldest nationally accredited programs in the United States. Emphasis areas include: leisure service management (Recreation, Youth Development and Fitness), natural resource recreation management, tourism development, and sport management. The department integrates classroom learning with applied research and internship experiences and is a leader in technology infusion.

All students are required to complete an internship placement, normally taken during the last year of study and after completing all core courses. The semester-long internship is with an on or off-campus agency or organization chosen by the student and faculty. Regional, national and international internship placements are possible. Students may receive direct financial assistance from the agency or organization during the internship. Internships outside the state of Missouri require a 2.5 GPA.

The department offers BS in Parks, Recreation and Tourism and MS in Natural Resources.

Admission

It is possible for students who have a broad, liberal education to transfer into the department without a significant time penalty toward graduation. CLEP credits are accepted and evaluated on an individual basis. Minimum GPA of 2.5 required.

Faculty

Associate Professor G. L. Hitzhusen*, J. M. Morgan*
Assistant Professor S. A. Wilhelm-Stanis**
Associate Teaching Professor D. R. Vaught*
Assistant Teaching Professor K. J. Lee*, J. R. Upah*, N. M. Watanabe*, G. Yan*
Adjunct Professor D. Eiken*
Instructor T. Balthazor* 

Director of Internships J. R. Upah*

* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master’s thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

- BS in Parks, Recreation and Tourism (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofagriculturefoodandnaturalresources/parksrecreationandtourism/bs-parks-recreation-tourism-emphasis-leisure-service-management)
- with emphasis in Natural Resource Recreation Management (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofagriculturefoodandnaturalresources/parksrecreationandtourism/bs-parks-recreation-tourism-emphasis-natural-resource-recreation-management)
- with emphasis in Sport Management (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofagriculturefoodandnaturalresources/parksrecreationandtourism/bs-parks-recreation-tourism-emphasis-sport-management)
- with emphasis in Tourism Development (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofagriculturefoodandnaturalresources/parksrecreationandtourism/bs-parks-recreation-tourism-emphasis-tourism-development)

Honors

Students who graduate with the following cumulative GPA values are awarded the baccalaureate degree accordingly:

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Graduate

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Parks, Recreation and Tourism’s graduate program is housed under the MS in Natural Resources with emphasis in Parks, Recreation and Tourism (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofagriculturefoodandnaturalresources/naturalresources/ms-parks-recreation-tourism). Please visit their page for more information.

Director of Graduate Studies: Dr. Sonja Wilhelm Stanis

About Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Since virtually everyone participates in some form of leisure, the primary benefit of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) is to address quality of life issues. The unique interaction of people, places, and activities establish our profession as one of the world’s largest industries. Students learn how to manage service delivery systems by combining theory with practice.

Career Preparation

The purpose of graduate study is to promote research and scholarship as the foundation of professional excellence, thus preparing candidates for management-level positions or admission to doctoral programs.