

BS in Parks, Recreation, Sport and Tourism with Emphasis in Natural Resource Recreation Management

Degree Program Description

The BS in Parks, Recreation, Sport and Tourism with an emphasis in Natural Resource Recreation Management focuses on the combination of natural and social sciences, and the management of people and natural resources in parks, forests, refuges, and reservoirs. Areas of study include outdoor recreation, methods of interpretation, and land management. Professionals in natural resource recreation management hold integral roles in operations, visitor management, protection and administration of our federal, state, and local outdoor recreation resources. Outdoor and natural resource recreation managers are employed by local, state, and federal agencies such as state and federal park systems. Responsibilities include managing natural and cultural resources, providing information and education, park operations, planning and design, and outdoor programming. Possible careers include ranger, education/outreach, naturalist, outdoor skills specialist, landscape maintenance, program supervisor, and grants/contract administrator.

Major Program Requirements

In addition to completing major program requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofagriculturefoodandnaturalresources/parksrecreationstourism/bs-parks-recreation-sport-tourism/>), students must complete the following additional emphasis area requirements:

Natural Resource Recreation Management Emphasis Area Coursework

Emphasis Area Requirements (minimum grade of C-)		
NAT_R 1070	Ecology and Conservation of Natural Resources	3
or NAT_R 2160	Issues in Natural Resources and the Environment	
PRST 3230	Outdoor Recreation Policy	3
PRST 3231	Interpretation of Natural and Cultural Resources	3
or NAT_R 4024	Foundations of Environmental Education	
PRST 4260	Sustainable Tourism	3
or NAT_R 4353	Natural Resource Policy/Administration	
PRST 4340	Recreation Land Management	3
Professional Electives		18
Advisor approved courses specific to the student's selected emphasis. At least 9 credits must have a PRST designator. These professional electives can be used towards a second emphasis.		
Total Credits		33

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ENGLISH 1000		3 MATH 1050 or 1100	3
AGSC_COM 2220 or COMMUN 1200		3 SOCIOL 1000	3
PRST 1010		3 PRST 2281	3
PRST 1011		1 PRST 2750	3
NAT_R 1070 or 2160		3 Missouri State Law Requirement	3
Humanities & Fine Arts		3	
			15

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
PSYCH 1000		3 ABM 1041	3
STAT 1200, ABM 2123, or ESC_PS 4170		3 PRST 3231 or NAT_R 4024	3
PRST 3210		3 PRST 4250 or 4150	3
AGSC_COM 3240, COMMUN 2100, ENGLISH 2030, or THEATR 1400		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science with Lab	3-4
			15-16

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ACCTCY 2010, 2026, or 2036		3 ABM 3224, 3224W, MRKTNG 3000, or ABM 3223	3
PRST 3215W		4 PRST 4340	3
PRST 3230		3 Professional Elective	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		3 Professional Elective	3
Professional Elective		3 General Elective	3
			15

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
PRST 4208		3 PRST 4940	12
PRST 4260 or NAT_R 4353		3	
PRST 3189		1	
Professional Elective		3	
Professional Elective		3	
General Elective		3	
			12

Total Credits: 120-121

Degree Audit

The degree audit is an automated report reflecting a student's academic progress toward the completion of a degree.

MU students can request a degree audit by logging in to myDegreePlanner (<https://mydegreeplanner.missouri.edu>). Students may also access myDegreePlanner via myZou, in the Student Center, click on the Academic Progress Tile, then select Request Degree Audit. The audit automatically pulls in the student's MU course work, transfer courses

and courses in progress. This is available to current students, admitted students, and those who last attended less than three terms ago.

Past MU students can request a degree audit by contacting the Academic Advising Unit of the division in which they were last enrolled at MU. For contact information, go to <https://advising.missouri.edu/contact/>.

Prospective students, can access a preliminary MU degree audit via <https://www.transferology.com> (<https://www.transferology.com/>). Information on the college credits already earned will have to be manually entered before it can be evaluated against current degree requirements.

For additional details on degree audits, go to <https://registrar.missouri.edu/degrees-audits/degree-audits/>.