Current Catalog

Recreation and Sport Management, B.S.

Programs by College

Through coursework, practicum, internship, research, and scholarly activities, the Bachelor of Science in recreation and sport management (RSM) provides students with opportunities to study, analyze, evaluate, and successfully lead and implement programs in the fields of recreation and sport management.

The RSM program prepares students for professional employment in a variety of public, nonprofit, and private recreation and sport settings or graduate studies in the recreation and/or sport disciplines. The RSM major offers students a wide range of exciting career choices within many professional fields. Specialists in these areas manage recreation and/or sport activity facilities, supervise and plan indoor and outdoor recreation and sporting events, and develop recreation and sport services among diverse settings and populations.

The RSM curriculum responds to the growing number of students desiring to study management and leadership in either the recreation or sport fields. All RSM students complete a common core of study and through the use of program electives, have the ability to tailor their program of study around their career interests and goals. Program coursework aligns with the national standards and competencies of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and/or the North American Society of Sport Management (NASSM). The program culminates in a semester-long internship in the field.

Mission Statement

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Student Learning Outcomes

Based upon the foundation of a liberal arts education and the completion of the RSM program students will be able to:

Demonstrate the ability to adapt industry-specific skills to ever-changing recreation and sport contexts. Apply critical thinking and problem solving to the field of recreation and sport management. Conduct themselves in an ethical manner congruent with the diverse culture in which recreation and sport organizations operate.

Apply sport and recreation management theories to pragmatic decision making.

Effectively communicate across organizational and interpersonal channels.

Be an impactful leader within organizations and the recreation and sport field.

Achieve organizational goals through collaboration and group interaction.

Demonstrate an overall comprehension of the historical and conceptual aspects of recreation and sport. Policies and Requirements

Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better in each course used to satisfy a) RSM major requirements, and b) RSM foundation requirements. A grade of 'C' or better is also required in ENGL 101. All recreation and sport management students are required to complete a capstone 12-week, 480 hour internship at an approved and supervised site. Students are expected to demonstrate mastery of the student learning outcomes during this experience. End-of-program oral and written exit exams are required of all students to be admitted to the internship. The purpose of the exit exam is to determine how well the student has mastered program content within the student learning outcomes. All recreation and sport management students are required to be admitted to the internship. Admission requirements to the internship:

Demonstration of acceptable professional dispositions;

Passing score (70 percent or better) on end-of-program exit exam;

Successful completion of oral exit interview;

'C' or better in all RSM major requirements;

'C' or better on all RSM foundation requirements;

Successful completion of all undergraduate required coursework.

Degree Requirements (120 Credits)

Core Curriculum Requirements

Core Curriculum (38-40 Total Credit Hours)

Graduation Requirements

Graduation Requirements (3-6+ Credits) *

Foundation Courses (15 Credits)

Complete the following courses:

ECON 101 - Survey of Economics (3 credits)

RSM 242 - Introduction to Recreation and Sport Management (3 credits)

RSM 337 - Risk Management in Recreation and Sport Management (3 credits)

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PHIL 319 - Environmental Ethics (3 credits)

RSM 317 - Moral and Ethical Reasoning in Recreation and Sport (3 credits)

Major Requirements (31 Credits)

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RSM 369 - Marketing and Promotion in Recreation and Sport Management (3 credits)

RSM 389 - Recreation and Sport Leadership (3 credits)

RSM 392 Q - Field Experience in Recreation and Sport Management (3 credits)

RSM 396 - Orientation to Internship (1 credit)

RSM 456 - Principles of Administration in Recreation and Sport Management (3 credits)

RSM 490 - Program and Event Planning in Recreation and Sport (3 credits)

RSM 494 - Area and Facility Management in Recreation and Sport (3 credits)

RSM 496 Q - Internship in Recreation and Sport Management (12 credits)

RSM Selective or any University Approved Minor (18 Credits)

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Electives (15-19 Credits)

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Proposed Catalog (Changes in Blue)

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