

Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Resources

Degree Awarded

- Associate of Arts

Career Opportunities

Upon completion of the four-year program, students are prepared for a wide variety of professional recreation and parks responsibilities with local, state and federal government agencies, land managing agencies, private and commercial recreational organizations, and agencies serving special populations.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Dr. Heidi B. Samuels - Ed. D.
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

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Admissions Requirements

Entering freshmen are admitted directly into the major.

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef>)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

General Education Foundations

F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Skills		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

GEF Elective Requirements (6)		3
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research (GEF 1)	6
MATH 124	Algebra with Applications (GEF 3)	3
STAT 211	Elementary Statistical Inference (GEF 8)	3
BIOL 101 & BIOL 103	General Biology and General Biology Laboratory (GEF 2)	4

CHEM 111 or GEOL 110 & GEOL 111	Survey of Chemistry Environmental Geoscience and Environmental Geoscience Laboratory	4
CSAD 270	Effective Public Speaking (GEF 8)	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEF 4)	3
SOCA 101 or SOCA 105	Introduction to Sociology Introduction to Anthropology	3
AGEE 110	Microcomputer Applications in Agricultural Education	3
FMAN 212	Forest Ecology	3
FOR 191	First-Year Seminar	1
FOR 140	West Virginia's Natural Resources (GEF 8)	3
FOR 203	Careers in Natural Resources Management 2	1
FOR 205	Dendrology	3
PLSC 206	Principles of Plant Science	4
ARE 220	Introductory Environmental and Resource Economics (or any BUSA course)	3
WMAN 150	Principles of Conservation Ecology (GEF 7)	3
WDSC 100	Forest Resources in United States History (GEF 5)	3
Elective		1
Total Hours		60

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)	3 ENGL 102 (GEF 1)	3
BIOL 101 & BIOL 103 (GEF 2)	4 WMAN 150 (GEF 7)	3
MATH 124 (GEF 3)	3 CSAD 270 (GEF 8)	3
WDSC 100 (GEF 5)	3 AGEE 110	3
FOR 191	1 SOCA 101 or 105	3
	14	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
CHEM 111 or GEOL 110 <i>and</i> GEOL 111	4 ARE 220 (or any BUSA course)	3
FOR 140 (GEF 8)	3 PSYC 101 (GEF 4)	3
FOR 203	1 FMAN 212	3
FOR 205	3 STAT 211	3
PLSC 206	4 GEF 6	3
	Elective	1
	15	16

Total credit hours: 60

Major Learning Outcomes

RECREATION, PARKS, AND TOURISM RESOURCES

1. Demonstrate entry-level knowledge about operations and strategic management/planning/policy related to parks, recreation, natural resources and/or related professions.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the roles, significance, and benefits of leisure and recreation to societies in the past, present, and future.
3. Describe and apply comprehensive natural resource management principles and strategies (from both ecological and social sciences) by analyzing natural resource recreation and tourism management problems and policy.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of how the scientific method can be applied strategically to improve the management and planning of recreation areas and organizations.
5. Demonstrate the use of a wide range of effective communication skills to enhance the management and planning of recreation programs, areas and organizations.