Recreation Major:  
Outdoor and Environmental Recreation Concentration

Admission Requirements, Retention and Termination Standards

1. All students with recreation majors are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.25 to sign a major in RPL.
2. All students with a recreation major are required to earn a minimum of a C (2.0) or better in all RPL major courses to graduate.

An internship and a minor are required on this concentration. A minor or equivalent in Natural Resources, Earth Science, Geology, Museum Studies, or Environmental Studies (BAA degree only) is preferred; other appropriate minors may be considered only through consultation and approval from a departmental advisor.

Required Professional Core Courses (42-57 hours)

- RPL 118 - Introduction to Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services 2(2-0)
- RPL 205 - Outdoor Leadership 3(2-2)
- RPL 209 - Recreation and Diverse Populations 2(2-0)
- RPL 216 - Introduction to Outdoor Recreation 3(3-0)
- RPL 310 - Pre-Internship in Leisure Services 1(1-0)
- RPL 320 - Professional Internship in Recreation 1-30(Spec)
- RPL 358 - Foundations of Outdoor and Environmental Education 3(3-0)
- RPL 370 - Leave No Trace Ethics 1(1-0)
- RPL 470 - Budgeting & Funding for Leisure Service Agencies 3(3-0)
- RPL 508 - Park and Natural Resource Management 3(3-0)
- RPL 511 - Liability and Risk Management in Leisure Services 3(3-0)
- RPL 518 - Research & Philosophy in RPL 3(3-0)

Note: RPL 310 must be taken two semesters prior to actual internship. RPL 320 (Internship) is a capstone experience following the completion of all other course work at the university. Students electing the B.A. or B.S. degree plans will complete a fifteen (15) credit internship. Students electing the B.A.A. degree plan will complete a thirty (30) credit internship.

Additional Requirements (6 hours)

Through consultation with an advisor, the student will select from the following classes for a total of six (6) credits:

- RPL 218 - Teaching of Outdoor Skills 3(3-0)
- RPL 435 - Leadership in Adventure Education Programming 3(3-0)
- RPL 552 - Environmental Interpretation 3(3-0)
- RPL 570 - Wilderness Issues and Policy 3(3-0)

Electives (3 hours)

Select any RPL course. The number of elective hours will vary depending upon the requirements for the major.

Total: 51-66 semester hours
Outdoor and Environmental Education Minor

Required Courses (15 hours)
RPL 216 - Introduction to Outdoor Recreation 3(3-0)
RPL 218 - Teaching of Outdoor Skills 3(3-0)
RPL 318 - Field Course in Recreation Specialization 1-15(Spec)
RPL 358 - Foundations of Outdoor and Environmental Education 3(3-0)
RPL 552 - Environmental Interpretation 3(3-0)

Electives (3 hours)
Select any RPL course. The number of elective hours will vary depending upon the requirements for the major.

Total: 21 semester hours