

# Recreation Management

Bachelor of Science

The Recreation Management program prepares students for a variety of career opportunities in the area of Parks and Recreation. Such career opportunities may include managing community recreation centers and aquatic facilities for a city. Other career paths include state and national park rangers, park managers, camp administrator, working for the YMCAs, Boys and Girls Club, and fitness centers. Graduates of this program should be well prepared to enter the recreation field at entry level positions or pursue graduate studies.

## **MWSU Health, Physical Education, Recreation Department**

Students who major in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation can expect to participate in a wide variety of experiences that go beyond their classroom work. They can also expect professors from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences who care about them and want to help them reach their career goals. Students are challenged to be actively engaged in the learning process, to develop practical application of skills and knowledge learned in their classes and develop critical thinking skills.

Students in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department gain practical experience that prepares them for their careers or graduate school. Upon graduation, they are prepared to plan, lead, organize and promote a variety of events and activities.

## **Career Opportunities**

Careers in health, physical education and recreation offer opportunities for you to help youth and adults improve their health and help them explore fulfilling recreational activities. This field is always changing and improving. The Sport Management emphasis provides career opportunities such as a sports information director, athletic director, health fitness club manager, adventure travel and tourism agent, hotel and resort manager, professional sports team promoter, sporting goods marketer or golf course manager.

## **Admission Requirements**

*Health and Exercise Science:* A cumulative 2.5 GPA in three prerequisite courses.

*Physical Education Teaching Certification:* 2.5 GPA, pass the CBASE with a 235 in each area, and have an ACT score on file.

*Recreation Sport Management:* Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.2 and 18 or higher ACT score.

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## **Did you know?**

Each year, department majors coordinate two fundraisers: Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart, with hundreds of school-aged children participating. The department was asked to present a workshop on planning these two events at a national convention.

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This is the preferred sequence of classes for this degree at Missouri Western State University. Your schedule may vary depending on required developmental coursework, transfer credit, or other individual cases.

## Freshman Year – First Semester

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
CED 131 – Griffon Edge	1
PED 101 – Fitness & Wellness	3
ENG 104 – College Writing/Rhetoric	3
RSM 220 – Introduction to Recreation	3
General Studies Math – MAT 110 or higher	3
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>13</b>

## Freshman Year – Second Semester

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Elective	3
General Studies Humanities	3
ENG 108 – College Writing/Research	3
General Studies Natural Science	4-5
RSM 230 – Recreation: Field Experience I	2
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>15-16</b>

## Sophomore Year – First Semester

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Elective	3
General Studies Humanities	3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
COM 104 – Oral Communications	3
RSM 300 – Philosophy & Leadership in Recreation Administration	3
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>14-15</b>

## Sophomore Year – Second Semester

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Elective	3
Lifetime Sports PE Activity	1
General Studies Humanities	3
RSM 325 – Recreation Law for the Practitioner	2
RSM 330 – Recreation: Field Experience II	3
General Studies Social Science	3
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>15</b>

## Junior Year – First Semester

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Elective	3
General Studies Social Science	3
RSM 323 – Program Planning in Recreation	3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>15-18</b>

## Junior Year – Second Semester

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Elective	3
General Studies Social Science	3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
RSM 424 – Organization & Administration of Leisure Agencies	3
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>13-15</b>

## Senior Year – First Semester

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
General Studies Natural Science	4-5
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
PED 305/306 – First Aid OR Sport Safety Training	2
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>12-16</b>

## Senior Year – Second Semester

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Elective	3
Elective	3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
RSM 420 – Seminar in Recreation	1
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>13-16</b>

## Senior Year – Summer Session

<i>Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>
RSM 430 – Recreation: Field Experience III	9
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>9</b>

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