

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.

Career opportunities in Recreation Management include intramural recreation, community recreation centers, youth sports, public recreation and aquatic recreation.

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.



Missouri Western State University

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Major in Recreation Sport Management: Recreation Management Emphasis

This is the preferred sequence of classes for this degree at Missouri Western State University. Your schedule may vary depending on transfer credit, dual enrollment credit, or other individual cases. Please contact the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department regarding these special circumstances.

Freshman Year – First Semester

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

Freshman Year – Second Semester

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

* Griffon Edge is a 3-day orientation program held the week before classes begin in August.

Sophomore Year – First Semester

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

Sophomore Year – Second Semester

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

Junior Year – First Semester

Course	Hours
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
General Studies Social Science	3
Elective	3
Semester Total	15-18

Junior Year – Second Semester

Course	Hours
RSM 424 – Organization & Administration of Leisure Agencies	3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
General Studies Social Science	3
Elective	3
Semester Total	R 15-18

Senior Year – First Semester

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

Senior Year – Second Semester

Course	Hours
RSM 420 – Seminar in Recreation	1
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Recreation Management Emphasis Course	2-3
Elective	3
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Semester Total	13-16

Senior Year – Summer Session

Course	Hours
RSM 430 – Recreation: Field Experience III	9
Semester Total	9

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