

Business, Economics and Enterprise Sciences

B.A. in Parks and Recreation Management

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Parks and Recreation degree builds knowledge and leadership skills relevant to careers in parks and recreation management and leisure services. Students learn how to design, plan, implement and evaluate visitor experiences and administer parks and recreation systems.

Delivery Mode

Traditional (on campus)

Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT).

Curriculum

The following eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years.

Course	Credits
Freshman Year	
First Semester	16
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
REC 165 Introduction to Recreation and Leisure	3
UNI 100 First-Year Seminar**	1
Free Elective	3
General Education Courses	6
Second Semester	15
ENG 102 English Composition II OR ENG 211 Business Writing OR ENG 217 Science and Tech Writing	3
General Education Courses	6
Related Elective	3
Related REC Course	3
Sophomore Year	
Third Semester	15
REC 361 Parks and Recreation for Diverse Populations	3
General Education Courses	6
Related Elective	3

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Course	Credits
Required Related Course	3
Fourth Semester	15
REC 362 Recreation Site Design and Management	3
General Education Courses	6
Related Electives	6
Junior Year	
Fifth Semester	15
REC 365 Recreation Resource Management	3
REC 374 Commercial Recreation Management	3
General Education Course	3
Related Elective	3
Required Related Course	3
Sixth Semester	15
REC 378 Recreation Management and Leadership	3
REC 412 Program Planning and Evaluation	3
General Education Courses	6
Related Elective	3
Senior Year	
Seventh Semester	15
GEO 474 Developing the Master Plan	3
REC 415 Challenges and Trends in Parks and Recreation	3
REC 478 Professional Development in Recreation	3
Related Electives	6
Eighth Semester	15
GEO 479 Internship	12

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Course	Credits
Related Elective	3
Total	120

Required Related Courses (6 credits)

- **REC 195** Leisure and Wellness Recreation
- **REC 220** Youth Competitive Recreation Activities
- **REC 225** Recreation and Youth Development
- **REC 230** Youth Camp Counseling and Administration
- **REC 235** Special Event Management in Recreation Settings
- **REC 240** Human Ecology
- **REC 246** Scenic Areas of U.S.
- **REC 250** Non-Profit and Community Recreation
- **REC 255** Water-Based Rec Management
- **REC 270** Interpretative Methods in Parks and Recreation
- **REC 275** Sustainable Recreation and Green Parks
- **REC 280** Adventure and Outdoor Recreation Outfitting

Free Electives (36 credits)

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- **GEO 150** Survey of Travel and Tourism
- **GEO 217** Demographic Analysis
- **GEO 420** Disaster Vulnerability Assessment
- **GEO 426** Impacts and Sustainability of Tourism
- **GIS 311** Geographic Information Systems
- **EAS 150** Intro to Geology
- **EAS 230** Earth Resources
- **EAS 300** Natural Hazards (4 credits)
- **ELM 360** Environment Ecology and Nature-study Education
- **ENS 399** Conservation Biology
- Other Advisor Approved Courses

Program Notes

- A minimum of 42 credits must be upper-division courses (300-400 level) for graduation.
- Graduation Requirements: minimum GPA of 2.0; minimum of 120 credits; all required major and gen ed courses completed.

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/parks-recreation-management/index.aspx>