Parks and Recreation Major

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of the Parks and Recreation Major are:

1. To prepare majors to become professionals in both the public and private sector of the field of recreation and leisure services.
2. To provide skill development in preparing the student: (a) to administer a parks and recreation program including budgeting, personnel management, and program development; (b) in special skill areas such as grantsmanship and feasibility study process; (c) to administer specific recreation programs such as camps and aquatic facilities; (d) to evaluate, design, and manage parks and recreation facilities, areas, and resources; (e) to perform basic research such as community surveys; (f) to develop a personal/professional philosophy regarding parks and recreation; (g) with an understanding of diverse populations; (h) to direct and administer an intramural sports program; (i) to organize and lead a variety of social recreation programs.
3. To provide majors with an opportunity to develop their skills through practical application during internships and cooperative work experience.
4. To provide students throughout the university with a basic understanding of the importance of leisure and recreation as an integral part of their lives.
5. To provide service to municipalities through training and education in the area of survey development, feasibility studies and program development.