Parks and Recreation Major

Program Goals

The Program Goals of the Parks and Recreation Major are:

1. Prepare majors to become professionals in both the public and private sector of the field of recreation and leisure services.
2. Provide skill development in preparing the student to administer a parks and recreation program including budgeting, personnel management, and program development.
3. Provide special skills such as grantsmanship and feasibility study process;
4. Provide skill to evaluate, design, and manage parks and recreation facilities, areas, and resources;
5. Provide skill to perform basic research such as community surveys, needs assessment and program feasibility;
6. Develop a personal/professional philosophy regarding parks and recreation;
7. Understand and appreciate the need to provide recreational programming for a diverse population;
8. To provide majors with an opportunity to develop their skills through practical application during internships and cooperative work experience.