

**Bachelor of Science (BS)**

# Recreation & Park Administration

The Department of Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Recreation at Southeast Missouri State University has been preparing recreation and leisure professionals since 1988. The Recreation program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT). The Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT) accredits baccalaureate programs in parks, recreation, tourism, sport management, event management, therapeutic recreation, and leisure studies offered at regionally accredited institutions within the United States and its territories, and at nationally accredited institutions in Canada and Mexico.



Recreation and Park Administration graduates go into the world with skills and expertise to provide services that enhance quality of life and provide individual, social, economic and environmental benefits to the community. Professional careers in recreation and leisure services offer challenging, meaningful and highly rewarding opportunities. Whether you are interested in working with children, teens, adults or seniors-engaging in outdoor adventure, cultural arts, sports or social activities-in hospital/clinical settings, theme parks or the military-then Recreation and Park Administration offers job opportunities for you.

**Becoming Career Ready...**

/ BS in Recreation & Park Administration students interact with qualified, award winning faculty in a small class environment.

/ Recreation & Park Administration graduates work in community and municipal settings, as well as in federal parks, and private settings. Examples of job titles include director of aquatics center, recreation programs supervisor, city pool manager, seasonal camps director, park development manager and recreation division manager.

/ Recreation & Park Administration majors have the opportunity to apply the knowledge gained in the classroom to real-world experience in the field through interaction with recreation and park administration professional professionals.

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer a real-world experience. Recreation & Park Administration students gain this experience through a required 480 clock-hour internship at the completion of the degree program.

/ Currently, 100% of Recreation & Park Administration graduates find employment within a year of graduation.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests, and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

**Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- Clemson University Youth Learning Institute
- Meramec Adventure Learning Ranch
- City of Cape Girardeau Parks and Recreation
- US Army Corp of Engineers
- Kansas City, Mo., Parks and Recreation
- City of Perryville, Mo., Parks and Recreation
- Camp Ondessonk
- Trail of Tears State Park
- City of Shrewsbury, Mo., Parks and Recreation
- City of Eureka, Mo., Parks and Recreation
- Upper Limits Indoor Rock Climbing Gym
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- The Nature Conservancy
- Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics
- Southeast Missouri State Campus Recreation Services
- Southeast Missouri State Athletics Operations
- Forest Park Golf Course
- National Park Service-Yellowstone National Park
- Teton Valley Ranch Camp
- Missouri State Park Youth Corp Operations
- Outdoor Pursuits-Lamar University
- Girl Scouts of Missouri Heartland
- Shawnee Community College
- City of Clearwater, Fla., Parks and Recreation
- Health Point Fitness, Southeast Hospital
- Fitness Plus, Saint Francis Hospital
- Union County Counseling Center
- Duke University Recreation Services
- California State University Long Beach Recreation Services

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at [semo.edu/transfercredit](http://semo.edu/transfercredit).

*This program could lead to licensure or certification. However, Southeast's program either does not meet, or we cannot determine if it meets, the licensure or certification requirement in all states. Please consult our State Authorization page, Licensure tab, to determine information specific to your state: <https://semo.edu/online/student-resources/stateauth.html>.*

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Student must attain a grade of 'C' or higher in every major course. Critical Courses are **italicized and bolded**. These courses are indicators of potential for success in the degree program.

#### Recreation & Park Administration – 60 Hours Required – No Minor Required

##### Required Courses

- \_\_\_ RC100 Leisure in a Diverse Culture (3)
- \_\_\_ **RC140 Introduction to Recreation Services (3)**
- \_\_\_ RC220 Leadership and Group Dynamics (3)
- \_\_\_ RC260 Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation (3)
- \_\_\_ RC288 Practicum in Recreation Services (3)
- \_\_\_ RC303 Research Methods (3)
- \_\_\_ RC380 Programming for Recreation Services (3)
- \_\_\_ RC385 Recreation Facilities Planning & Management (3)
- \_\_\_ RC405 Trends & Issues in Recreation & Leisure (3)
- \_\_\_ RC420 Organization & Administration of Recreation Services (3)
- \_\_\_ RC440 Facilitation of Group Development (3)
- \_\_\_ RC497 Recreation Internship (12)

##### Choose 15 hours from one track:

##### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TRACK

- \_\_\_ RC 119 Outdoor Adventure Special Topics (1-3)
- \_\_\_ RC 150 Outdoor Living Skills (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 151 Outdoor Adventure Skills (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 210 Camp Leadership (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 250 Foundations of Outdoor Recreation (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 310 Outdoor Leadership (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 311 Parks/Outdoor Resource Management (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 350 Outdoor Adventure Education (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 371 Challenge Course Administration and Facilitation (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 450 Outdoor Adventure Therapy (3)
- \_\_\_ UI 459 Nature Literacy (3)

OR

- \_\_\_ UI 429 Environmental Ethics (3)

##### RECREATION & PARK ADMINISTRATION TRACK

- \_\_\_ RC 210 Camp Leadership (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 230 Recreational Sports (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 270 Commercial Recreation (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 311 Parks/Outdoor Resource Management (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 340 Mentoring Principles (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 345 Youth Development Through Leisure (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 386 Aquatic Facility Management (3)
- \_\_\_ RC 480 Community Development (3)
- \_\_\_ UI 354 Lifestyle Enhancement (3)

OR

- \_\_\_ UI 427 Service & Community (3)

**General Education Requirements** – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	<b>RC140</b>	3
	EN100	3	General Education	3
	RC100	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in major and overall				
SECOND YEAR	RC220	3	RC288	3
	RC260	3	RC380	3
	General Education	3	Recreation Elective	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in major and overall				
THIRD YEAR	RC303	3	Recreation Elective	3
	RC385	3	Elective	3
	RC440	3	Elective	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
Milestone: Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in major and overall				
FOURTH YEAR	Recreation Elective	3	RC405	3
	Recreation Elective	3	RC420	3
	Elective	5	Recreation Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
Milestone: Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in major and overall				
<b>SUMMER SESSION</b>			RC497 Recreation Internship	12

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

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