

**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**Southeast Missouri State University**

**Department of:** Health, Human Performance and Recreation  
**Title of Course:** Parks & Outdoor Resource Management

**Course No:** RC 311  
**New:** Spring 2008

**Department Approved:** April 9, 2008  
**College Council Approved:** May 7, 2008

**I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours:**

Understanding the philosophy and principles underlying the growth and development of parks and outdoor resource management in terms of historical values and environmental issues. (3 credit hours)

**II. Prerequisites:** Jr. Standing

**III. Course Objectives:**

Through participation in this class, the student will be able to...

- A. Recognize the interrelationship between leisure behavior and the natural environment.
- B. Develop an understanding of and ability to use diverse community, institutional, natural, and human service resources to promote and enhance the leisure experience.
- C. Demonstrate the principles and procedures for planning leisure services, resources, areas and facilities.
- D. Develop the ability to implement principles and procedures related to operation and care of resources, areas and facilities.

**IV. Expectations of Students:**

- A. Students will participate in all class meetings and are expected to have completed pertinent assignments prior to class meetings
- B. Students will be expected to fully participate in experiential laboratory and out-of-class experiences as described by the course outline at the beginning of the semester.
- C. Students will achieve satisfactory grades on tests, reports, journals, class activities, and other assignments.

**V. Course Content:**

	<b>Hours</b>
A. History of parks and outdoor resource management.	6
1. Major people and their contributions.	
B. Environmental and historical interpretation as an educational tool within the parks system.	6
C. The importance of ecological concepts as related to resource management	6
D. Roles and problems of some of the following federal agencies:	9
1. National Park Service	
2. National Forest Service	
3. Bureau of Land Management	
4. Army Corps of Engineers	
5. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	

- 6. Bureau of Reclamation
- E. The mission and management of: 6
  - 1. National Wilderness Preservation System
  - 2. Wild and Scenic Rivers System
  - 3. National Trails System
  - 4. Land and Water Conservation Fund
- F. Mission and role of the following State of Missouri agencies: 6
  - 1. MO Dept. of Conservation
  - 2. MO Dept. of Natural Resource
- G. Trends and Issues in Parks and Outdoor Resource Management 6
  - 1. Common user conflicts in outdoor recreation
  - 2. Issues of ethnicity, gender, age and disability

**Total Hours: 45**

**VI. Textbook:**

Dennis, S. (2001). *Natural Resources and the Informed Citizen*. Champaign, IL: Sagamore.

**VII. Student Evaluation**

A. Oral Reports and Presentations	40%
B. Papers	30%
C. Quizzes and Exams	20%
D. Participation in class discussion and learning activities	<u>10%</u>
	100%