

RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are NOT required for admission to the M.S. and Ph.D. programs.

For admission to the graduate program, an applicant must hold either (1) a bachelor's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution or (2) a postsecondary degree that is equivalent to a U.S. baccalaureate degree earned from an officially recognized degree-granting international institution. Applicants from majors other than recreation and parks are welcome to apply; however, additional course work may be required. The graduate program director, in coordination with RPTM Graduate Faculty, determines prerequisites for all incoming students. Incoming graduate students with undergraduate degrees in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management from Penn State are assumed to have met all prerequisite requirements. Prerequisites for graduate students who do not have an undergraduate degree in the field may range from 3 to 9 credits, depending on the student's background and experience. Students with a 3.00 junior/senior average (on a 4.00 scale) and with appropriate course backgrounds will be considered for admission. In order to be admitted into the program, an RPTM Graduate Faculty member must agree to serve as the student's Academic Advisor.