

RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT, B.S. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Greater Allegheny

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	4-14
Requirements for the Major	64-71

3-4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 0-3 credits of GS courses; 0-4 credits of GQ courses.

Per Senate Policy 83.80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. RPTM requires students to complete 24 credits for the major through courses taken at University Park. Courses taken at other Penn State campuses may not be counted toward this 24 credit minimum. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for this major.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 120	Leisure and Human Behavior	3
RPTM 220	Sustainability, Society, and Well-being	3
RPTM 236	Leadership and Group Dynamics in Recreation Services	3
RPTM 277	Inclusive Leisure Services	3
RPTM 390	Political and Legal Aspects of Recreation Services	3
RPTM 410	Marketing of Recreation Services	3
RPTM 433W	Program Evaluation and Research in Recreation Services	3
RPTM 456	Programming in Recreation Services	3
Requirements for the Option		
Select an option		40-47

Requirements for the Option

Commercial Recreation and Tourism Management Option (46-47 credits)

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Greater Allegheny, University Park, World Campus

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 101	Introduction to Recreation Services	3
RPTM 210	Introduction to Commercial Recreation and Tourism	3
RPTM 300Y	Tourism and Leisure Behavior	3
RPTM 394	Orientation to Internship	1
RPTM 415	Commercial Recreation Management	3
RPTM 495A	Internship in Recreation Services	12
Additional Courses		
CAS 283	Communication and Information Technology I	3-4
or CMPSC 203	Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases	
RPTM 370	Introduction to Arena Management	3
or RPTM 435	Recreation Facilities Planning and Management	
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
ACCTG 211	Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making	
BA 100	Introduction to Business	
BA 242	Social and Ethical Environment of Business	
BA 250	Small Business Management	
BA 301	Finance	
BA 303	Marketing	
BA 304	Management and Organization	
FIN 100	Introduction to Finance	
HM 201	Introduction to Management in the Hospitality Industry	
LHR 100	Exploring Work and Employment	
LHR/AFAM/WMNST 136	Race, Gender, and Employment	
MGMT 100	Survey of Management	
MGMT 301	Basic Management Concepts	
MKTG 221		
MKTG 301	Principles of Marketing	
RPTM 336	Accounting in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Consult with an adviser to review course recommendations, Minors, and Certificate Programs. 9

Community Recreation Management Option (43-44 credits)

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Greater Allegheny, University Park, World Campus

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 101	Introduction to Recreation Services	3
RPTM 201	Introduction to Community Recreation	3
RPTM 334	Non-profit Recreation Agency Operations	3

RPTM 394	Orientation to Internship	1
RPTM 495A	Internship in Recreation Services	12
Additional Courses		
CAS 283	Communication and Information Technology I	3-4
or CMPSC 203	Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases	
RPTM 370	Introduction to Arena Management	3
or RPTM 435	Recreation Facilities Planning and Management	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
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Outdoor Recreation Management Option (40-41 credits)*Available at the following campuses: University Park*

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RPTM 101	Introduction to Recreation Services	3
RPTM 320	Recreation Resource Planning and Management	3
RPTM 394	Orientation to Internship	1
RPTM 435	Recreation Facilities Planning and Management	3
RPTM 495A	Internship in Recreation Services	12
Additional Courses		
CAS 283	Communication and Information Technology I	3-4
or CMPSC 203	Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
Select 15 credits in an Outdoor Recreation Management Pathway.		15
Consult with an adviser to review course recommendations, Minors and Certificate Programs.		

Professional Golf Management Option (47 credits)*Available at the following campuses: University Park*

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
RPTM 100S	Introduction to Golf Management	2
RPTM 250	PGA Facility Management 1	2
RPTM 254	PGA Teaching and Coaching 2	2
RPTM 295A	Introduction to Golf Management	3
RPTM 350	PGA Facility Management Level 3	2
RPTM 360	Golf Operations Management	3
RPTM 395B	Participation in Golf Management	3
RPTM 495B	Internship in Golf Management	3
Additional Courses		
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
BA 303	Marketing	
BA 304	Management and Organization	
HM 466	Human Resource Management in the Hospitality Industry	
RPTM 336	Accounting in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management	
RPTM 415	Commercial Recreation Management	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
Please consult with your academic adviser to review course recommendation, Minors and Certificate Programs.		15

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements**First Year Engagement**

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- **United States Cultures:** 3 credits
- **International Cultures:** 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

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