

M.S. in Sport and Recreation Admin Description

The M.S. in sport and recreation administration provides advanced education and vocational opportunities to develop leisure service delivery skills and evaluation or research competencies for students committed to careers in leisure, sport, recreation, health, tourism, and/or research. Students choose either a 1) thesis, 2) special event planning, or 3) internship based on their education, experience, and career goals.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 33

Goals/Mission Statement

The M.A. in recreation administration degree program is designed to develop skills preparatory to leadership and supervisory roles in a variety of leisure-service careers, including municipal, outdoor, therapeutic, military, church, youth, commercial/tourism, and industrial.

Course Requirements

A minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate study is required for the M.A. in sport and recreation administration. Students will be admitted to the program based on faculty evaluation of their admission documents and academic and professional experiences. Students choose no later than the conclusion of their first 9 hours one of the three tracks. Every M.A. student completes a minimum of 12 hours in the core program area, research (3) and statistics (3). Students select one option area (9). The remaining 6 hours are chosen by the student from elective sport and recreation graduate courses or from other disciplines with approval of their adviser.

Core Curriculum (12 hours)

- SRA 601 Park and Recreation Program Development and Promotion (3)
- SRA 602 Assessment and Evaluation of Park and Recreation Programs (3)
- SRA 671 Recreation Admin. Program Administration (3)
- SRA 691 Principles & Practices of Leisure & Recr (3)

Research and Statistics (6 hours)

- SRA 625 Research Design and Evaluation OR SRA 628 Qualitative Inquiry (3)
- 500-600 Statistics (adviser approved) (3)

Thesis Option (9 hours)

- SRA 697 Thesis (6)
- SRA 653 Directed Research (3)

Special Event Planning Option (9 hours)

- SRA 651 Advanced Independent study (3)
- SRA 653 Independent Research (3)
- SRA 654 Directed Event Programming (3)

Internship Option (9 hours)

- SRA 627 Internship (6)
- SRA 653 Directed Research (3)

Electives (6 hours)

Chosen from SRA 510, 539, 569, 574, 600, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 660, 680, and any 500-600 level non-SRA courses approved by the adviser.

Other Academic Requirements

Students who have not completed an internship or who lack professional work experience within the sport and recreation field will complete a 3- hour internship (PRM 627) as one of the electives within the degree program.

