

Program Overview

The Master of Science in Recreation and Leisure Services (M.S.R.L.S.) degree with a major in Recreation Management is designed to prepare administrators, supervisors, educators, consultants, and researchers to assist people toward richer lives through leisure experiences. Recreation Management encompasses the administration and supervision of recreation and leisure services. Recreational professionals seeking course work for certification as Certified Park & Recreation Professional would enroll in this option.

Application Requirements

The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College's website (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu>). International students should view the International Admission Documents page (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international/>) for additional requirements.

- completed online application
- \$55 nonrefundable application fee

or

- \$90 nonrefundable application fee for applications with international credentials
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university (Non-U.S. degrees must be equivalent to a four-year U.S. Bachelor's degree. In most cases, three-year degrees are not considered. Visit our International FAQs (<https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/international/faqs.html>) for more information.)
- official transcripts from **each institution** where course credit was granted
- a 2.75 overall GPA or a 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- GRE not required
- statement of purpose (maximum 500 words) detailing the following:
 - experiences leading to graduate studies in recreation management
 - qualities, values, characteristics of the student that will help him/her meet the academic rigors of graduate education
 - career goals relating to obtaining a master's degree

Approved English Proficiency Exam Scores

Applicants are required to submit an approved English proficiency exam score that meets the minimum program requirements below unless they have earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or the equivalent from a country on our exempt countries list (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/international/language.html#waliver>).

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official PTE scores required with a 52
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and minimum individual module scores of 6.0

- official Duolingo Scores required with a 110 overall
- official TOEFL Essentials scores required with an 8.5 overall

Degree Requirements

The Master of Science in Recreation and Leisure Services (M.S.R.L.S.) degree with a major in Recreation and Sport Management requires 30 semester credit hours.

Course Requirement

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses | | |
| REC 5310 | Philosophical Foundations of Recreation and Sport Management | 3 |
| REC 5330 | Organizational Leadership in Recreation and Sport Management | 3 |
| REC 5340 | Social Psychology of Recreation and Sport | 3 |
| REC 5346 | Literature and Research in Recreation and Sport Management | 3 |
| REC 5350 | Legal and Ethical Issues in Recreation and Sport Management | 3 |
| REC 5360 | Financial Management in Recreation and Sport Management | 3 |
| REC 5380 | Organizational Planning in Recreation and Sport Management | 3 |
| REC 5382 | Facility Management in Recreation and Sport Services | 3 |
| Prescribed Electives | | |
| Choose 6 hours from the following (other courses may be approved by your advisor): | | 6 |
| REC 5318 | Selected Topics in Recreation and Leisure Services | |
| REC 5337 | Independent Study in Recreation and Sport Management | |
| REC 5372 | Technology-Mediated Places of Leisure: Aspirations towards a life of leisure | |
| REC 5373 | Innovative Technology Solutions and Applications in Recreation and Leisure | |
| REC 5381 | Outdoor Program Leadership and Administration | |
| COMM 5318 | Interpersonal Communication | |
| COMM 5319 | Organizational Communication | |
| COMM 5329B | Communication and Negotiation | |
| EDCL 5339 | Understanding Self: Developing a Personal Vision of Leadership | |
| EDCL 5345 | Understanding People: Professional Development | |
| GEO 5312 | Managing Urbanization | |
| GEO 5319 | Seminar in Nature and Heritage Tourism | |
| GEO 5339 | The Geography of Land Management | |
| MC 5308 | Seminar in Strategic Communication | |
| MC 5317 | Advanced Digital Media | |
| MGT 5314 | Organizational Behavior and Theory | |
| PA 5310 | Public Finance Administration | |
| PA 5320 | Organizational Theory, Change, and Behavior | |
| SOCI 5370 | Seminar in Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Relations | |
| Total Hours | | 30 |

Comprehensive Examination Requirement

Students are required to take a written comprehensive examination in their last semester of the program. Students must pass the comprehensive exam in at most two attempts. If the student fails to pass the comprehensive exam in two attempts, the student will retake the comprehensive exam during the next long semester.

Students who do not successfully complete the requirements for the degree within the timelines specified will be dismissed from the program.

Master's level courses in Health and Human Performance: REC

Courses Offered

Recreation (REC)

REC 5199B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continued thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until the thesis is submitted for binding.

1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

REC 5299B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continued thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until the thesis is submitted for binding.

2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

REC 5310. Philosophical Foundations of Recreation and Sport Management.

This course introduces and explores the meanings of recreation, sport, and leisure behaviors and services from historical, philosophical, sociological, and political perspectives. Students will develop a philosophical view of recreation and sport based on exploration of the history as well as consideration of the nature of the individual and society.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5318P. Inclusive Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities.

This course engages students to understand the meaning of social inclusion as it pertains to people with disabilities, along with current trends and best practices related to inclusive sport and recreation services for people with disabilities. Course content will prepare students to enhance inclusive service delivery in a variety of settings.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5318Q. Evaluation of Recreation and Sport Programs.

This course will focus on practical applications of program evaluation techniques. Directed readings will cover the history of evaluation as well as methods and approaches designed for different customers, locations and program types. Prerequisite: REC 5380 with a grade of "C" or better or instructor permission.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5321. Issues and Trends in Recreational Therapy.

This is a seminar-style course during which students investigate current trends related to the provision of recreational therapy services, research, education, and professional advocacy. Prerequisite: REC 5328 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5325. Philosophical Foundations of Recreational Therapy.

This course examines the history, theory, and philosophy of therapeutic recreation such as service models, standards, and legislation. The use of recreational therapy in supporting the attainment and maintenance of well-being of people with differing characteristics and abilities is explored. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5326. Recreational Therapy Planning and Implementation.

This course provides an advanced examination of the recreational therapy process with a focus on planning and implementation of individualized services and supports for persons with disabling conditions. Students will analyze interventions, modalities, instruction, leadership, supervision, and leisure counseling techniques in relation to program planning and implementation. Prerequisite: REC 5327 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5327. Assessment, Evaluation, and Documentation in Recreational Therapy.

This course provides an in-depth examination of the assessment and documentation phases used in recreational therapy. Students will select, administer, score, interpret, and report standardized and specialized assessment instruments and documentation methods. Corequisite: REC 5325 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5328. Advanced Principles of Recreational Therapy.

This course provides an in-depth examination of the principles of organizing, funding, and managing recreational therapy services within a variety of settings. Topics include analysis of professional credentialing, policies, standards of practice, ethical behavior, and regulatory guidelines as they relate to recreational therapy are applied to advancing the profession. Prerequisite: REC 5327 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5329. Evidence-based Practice in Recreational Therapy.

This course explores the application of research evidence to the planning and delivery of recreational therapy within a variety of service settings. The emphasis is on locating, critically appraising, analyzing, and producing evidence related to treatment modalities and techniques for recreational therapy practice. In addition, the course will apply evidence-based practice in relation to therapeutic facilitation techniques and interventions. Prerequisite: REC 5328 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5330. Organizational Leadership in Recreation and Sport Management.

This course provides an exploration of management issues related to the role of the leader as a conduit for effectiveness in recreation and sport management service agencies. Content will include practices associated with managing human resources such as hiring, supervising, evaluating, and compensating. Content will include examination of federal and state laws impacting employment and the manager's role in operationalizing both legislative mandates and agency policy.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5337. Independent Study in Recreation and Sport Management.

This course includes individual study related to recreational administration or sport management under direct supervision of a faculty member. May be repeated for additional credit at the discretion of the department chair.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5338. Internship in Recreational Therapy.

This course provides students the opportunity to complete an intensive, on-site internship under the supervision of a nationally Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. Students will complete a minimum of 560 hours and 14 weeks in a recreational therapy setting. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5339. Advanced Research Methods in Recreational Therapy.

This course provides the students with an opportunity to enhance research knowledge related to Recreational Therapy (RT). The focus will be on developing advanced competencies in research methodology, critical analysis of literature, and application of evidence-based practice in RT throughout the therapeutic process. Students will engage in a comprehensive case study project that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical application, emphasizing the importance of research in informing RT practice. Corequisite: REC 5338 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5340. Social Psychology of Recreation and Sport.

This course provides an introduction and overview of the personal, social and social-psychological contexts of leisure; utilizing current literature the course will focus on examining sport and recreation behavior from psychological, sociological and social-psychological constructs that are contributing to a contemporary, interdisciplinary understanding of the leisure phenomenon.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5346. Literature and Research in Recreation and Sport Management.

The course provides an analytical investigation of research techniques and steps necessary to address research questions related to professional practice. Students will examine methods of locating and securing research findings and reports and develop the ability to discuss current literature in the field of recreation and sport.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5350. Legal and Ethical Issues in Recreation and Sport Management.

This course focuses on legal and ethical issues related to recreation and sport management. Tort law, participant rights, accessibility, credentialing, and others are topics to be addressed in this course.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5360. Financial Management in Recreation and Sport Management.

This course is a study of financial concepts, principles, and techniques as they relate to recreation and sport delivery systems. These include full cost accounting, pricing, financial management, and alternative funding proposals. Prerequisite: REC 5380 with a grade of "C" or better or instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5372. Technology-Mediated Places of Leisure: Aspirations towards a life of leisure.

This course focuses on the technology-leisure experience interaction, supported by knowledge of layout, design, and functions of homes, cities, and outdoor environments. Students will develop an understanding of how technology is incorporated into the experience of physical spaces and create proposals for technological enhancements appropriate to these varied places of leisure.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5373. Innovative Technology Solutions and Applications in Recreation and Leisure.

This course is a study of operational competence in selected technologies including the development of research skills in user need articulation and technology augmentation. Students will critically investigate technology usage in leisure service delivery. Students will develop the ability to diagram and write for analytical purposes, fieldwork and experiences, and collaborative work.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5380. Organizational Planning in Recreation and Sport Management.

This course provides students with organizational planning and administration tools developed and tested within the recreation and sport industries. Topics may include the exploration of programming and organizational theory, administrative processes, and the application of the organizational principles to the recreation and sport delivery systems. Emphasis will be placed on various planning functions including strategic, evaluation, and marketing.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5381. Outdoor Program Leadership and Administration.

Within the role of leadership and administration, students will become knowledgeable in the theoretical foundations of outdoor programs, adventure programming, and wilderness travel. The history of thought surrounding natural places and outdoor recreation will be examined throughout the semester.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5382. Facility Management in Recreation and Sport Services.

The course provides an overview of practice of facility management. Explorations will include the role of facility manager, work management functions, and user interaction. In addition, students will investigate concepts of health and safety, accessibility, environment and sustainability, technologies, sourcing, emergency preparedness, and space interrogation. Basics of design drawing literacy and evaluation will be discussed.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REC 5399A. Thesis.

This course represents a student's initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until the student has completed the thesis in REC 5399B.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

REC 5399B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continued thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until the thesis is submitted for binding.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

REC 5599B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continued thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until the thesis is submitted for binding.

5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

REC 5999B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continued thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until the thesis is submitted for binding.

9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit