Bachelor of Science
Recreation and Park Administration

The Department offers an accredited BS degree, a minor and a MS degree in Recreation and Park Administration. The faculty is committed to combining theory and experience in preparing students for successful employment in the field. The BS degree provides 15 credit hours of direct hands-on field experience. A career in park, recreation and leisure services allows students to have an impact in their communities, on the environment, and in the lives of others.

Employment Opportunities
Local/State/National Parks
Community Recreation
Rehabilitation Hospitals
State/Local Tourism
Military Recreation
U.S. Forest Service
Behavioral Centers
Theme Parks
Campus Recreation
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
Residential Facilities
Correctional Facilities
Fish and Wildlife
Resorts
Adult Daycare Centers
YMCA/YWCA
4-H
Psychiatric Hospitals
Public and Private Camps
Long-Term Care Facilities
Wilderness Therapy
Challenge Courses
Churches
Boys Clubs/Girls Clubs

Internship Examples
Kentucky State Parks
Joshua Tree National Park, CA
Daniel Boone National Forest, KY
Cincinnati Recreation Commission, OH
Lexington Div. of Parks and Recreation, KY
Rocky Mountain National Park, CO
Frazier Rehabilitation Institute, KY
American Hospitality Academy, SC
Fripp Island Resort, SC
Sundial Beach Resort, FL
Land Between The Lakes, KY
Ridge Behavioral Health System
Sawgrass Marriott Resort, FL
North American River Runners, WV
Kiawah Island Golf Resort, SC
HealthSouth Rehab Hospitals
Boulder Parks and Recreation, CO
VA Federal Medical Center, KY
Ft. Knox MWR, KY
Mammoth Cave National Park
Kentucky 4-H
Henderson Parks and Recreation, NV
Turtle Bay Resort, HI
Exposure Alaska, AK
Yosemite National Park, CA
Course Examples

REC 101 Recreation & Tourism Careers
REC 180 Outdoor Adventure Activities
REC 190 Challenge Course Introduction
REC 200 Leisure Diversity and Culture
REC 210 Equine Assisted Therapy
REC 280 Programming Special Events
REC 290 Adventure Programming
REC 380 Natural Resource Tourism
REC 411 TR Services for the Senior Adult

Recreation Management and Programming:

- Local/municipal park and recreation departments
- State and Federal agencies
- Non-profit agencies, such as YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Community Centers, Campus Recreation & Camps

Natural Resources Recreation Management:

- Local/State/Federal Agencies, such as National Park Service, US Forest Service & 4-H
- Ecotourism
- KY State Parks
- Non-Profit Conservation Agencies
- Naturalist/Ranger

Therapeutic Recreation:

- Community-based special recreation
- Long-term care
- Psychiatric hospitals
- Rehabilitation hospitals
- Special Olympics
- Wounded Warriors

Tourism and Resort Recreation:

- Destination resorts
- Adventure travel
- Theme parks
- Cultural & historical travel attractions
- Government tourism agencies
- Outfitters & Guides