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Entrance Requirements

Official High School Transcripts, including a 12th Grade class schedule if applicable
SAT or ACT Scores
\$25.00 application fee

Major Requirements

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

<i>BS</i>	
60 credits	All PREE Programs
53 credits	Liberal Studies
7 credits	Electives

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND SCIENCE

Programs

The Department of Parks and Recreation/Environmental Education offers a diverse academic program. The Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation offers three tracks: Park and Resource Management, Resort Recreation Management/Tourism and Therapeutic Recreation Services. The degree program in Environmental Education has two options: K-12 teacher certification, and a non-certification option. The department works closely with both private and government agencies to provide practicum and internship experiences. Students are prepared to lead, program, administer, assess and manage recreation programs in Parks, Resorts, and Health Care Facilities.

Career Opportunities

Graduates serve as national and state park rangers and managers, park naturalists, outdoor recreation planners, environmental educators, teachers, resort recreation managers, YMCA directors, therapeutic recreation specialists and other similar positions.

Graduates are prepared for entry level professional positions in governmental agencies (National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Services, US Army Corps of Engineers and many State Park Systems); Resorts and Commercial Recreation agencies (Nemacolin Woodlands, Amelia Island Plantation, South Seas Plantation, The Breakers and Kiawah Island Resort); Health-related agencies (Hospitals, Rehabilitation Centers and Geriatric Centers; and Schools and Environmental Education Centers).

Liberal Education Requirements*

Approximately one-half of a student's courses will be credited toward completing liberal studies requirements. The liberal studies program is designed to provide students with the breadth of knowledge expected of an educated person in our society. These courses compliment the depth of specialty acquired in a student's major.

The program contains seven critical goals or areas of study. For each area, students select one or two classes from a selection of "goal courses." In addition, in some areas of study, students select a course from a wide class selection identified as "enrichment courses." These courses provide the opportunity to broaden and deepen knowledge in the goal area. Lastly, co-curricular "Supporting Experiences," are identified. These activities and programs available to all students and encompass working on student publications, belonging to honorary societies or working with various special on-campus special interest groups.

Goal I: Basic Competencies

Goal II: The Arts

Goal III: Cultural Diversity and Global Perspective

Goal IV: Human Institutions and Interpersonal Relationships

Goal V: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Goal VI: Our National Experience

Goal VII: Challenges of the Modern Age

**All SRU students must complete the liberal studies requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

Each track has unique characteristics and specializations: Park and Resource Management has four options of specialization: Environmental Education/Interpretation, Park Law Enforcement, Park and Open Space Planning and Outdoor Leadership.

Resort/Recreation Management/Tourism – This track emphasizes business courses and highly recommends a business administration minor. Minors can be taken in communication or a foreign language as well.

Therapeutic Recreation Services – This track is designed for students to meet eligibility requirements to sit for the NCTRC Certification exam. Minors are available in related areas such as gerontology, exceptionalities, psychology and adapted physical activity and rehabilitation.

Teacher Certification

The degree program in Environmental Education is administered by the PREE Department. It provides K-12 teacher certification in Environmental Education and is the only four-year degree program in Environmental Education within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Graduate Study

The PREE Department offers three distinct graduate programs. A master of science degree in Park and Resource Management with options in Environmental Education, Park and Resource Management and Sustainable Park Planning; a master of science degree in sustainable systems; and a master of education degree for individuals who possess teacher certification.

Academic Programs 2004-2005



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