

BS IN RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

Units required for Major: 57-59
Total units required for BS: 120

Program Description

The BS in Recreation, Park and Nonprofit Management prepares students to work in a wide range of fields that serve the public; protect our natural, cultural and heritage resources; and support a healthy quality of life. Students follow a set of foundational core classes that are augmented with the student's choice of additional courses in one or more of the following areas:

- **Nonprofit and Community Engagement.**
Leadership. Community Events & Fundraising. Volunteer Management.
In this area, students choose from courses that will help develop skills and improve confidence in the areas of grant writing, leadership, community outreach and advocacy, finding and managing volunteers, creating fundraising events, and other related areas. There is an emphasis on engaging diversity to help nonprofit agencies best serve their local communities.
- **Outdoor Recreation.**
Natural Resource. Experiential Education. Parks & Protected Areas.
In this area, students choose from courses that will prepare them for ranger, park law enforcement, or wilderness interpreter jobs in federal or state government funded agencies such as the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Parks and Recreation, or the Bureau of Land Management. Additional coursework prepares students to serve as adventure recreation or experiential education leaders for recreation providers such as Peak Adventures.
- **Public and Agency Recreation.**
Campus & Military Recreation. Community Sports. After-School Programming.
In this area, students will gain skills in planning, implementing, managing, and evaluating comprehensive recreation programs that are a vital part of healthy communities. Students choose from courses that will teach them age-appropriate recreation programming across a wide-range of location and facility types including campus recreation centers, community park settings, summer camps, military bases, after-school sites, and others.

Note:


- Students graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation, Park and Nonprofit Management are not be subject to the University's Foreign Language Graduation Requirement. Students who change major may be subject to the University's Foreign Language Graduation Requirement.
- No more than 6 units of RPTA 198 (<https://catalog.csus.edu/search/?P=RPTA%20198>) and RPTA 199 (<https://catalog.csus.edu/search/?P=RPTA%20199>) in combination may be used to meet program requirements. No more than 3 units of RPTA 198 (<https://catalog.csus.edu/search/?P=RPTA%20198>) may be used to meet major requirements.
- RPTA 21 (<https://catalog.csus.edu/search/?P=RPTA%2021>), RPTA 22, RPTA 100 (<https://catalog.csus.edu/search/?P=RPTA>

%20100), and RPTA 122 (<https://catalog.csus.edu/search/?P=RPTA%20122>) may not be used to meet program requirements.

Minimum Grade Requirement

Grade of "C-" or better is required in all courses applied to the major.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Lower Division Courses (16 Units)		
RPTA 1	Orientation to Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration	1
RPTA 30	Recreation, Parks and Tourism in Contemporary Society	3
RPTA 32	Leadership and Group Development ³	3
RPTA 42	Recreation and Parks: Natural, Cultural, and Heritage Resources	3
RPTA 60	Budgeting for Recreation Services	3
RPTA 62	Introduction to Recreation Law	3
Required Upper Division Courses (16 Units)		
RPTA 101	Senior Seminar	1
RPTA 105	Management in Recreation, Parks and Tourism	3
RPTA 106	Introduction to Inclusive Recreation and Recreation Therapy	3
RPTA 110	Research and Evaluation in Recreation, Parks and Tourism	3
RPTA 136	Program and Event Planning in Recreation, Parks and Tourism	3
RPTA 183	Marketing Recreation Services	3
Elective Requirement (15 Units) ^{1,2}		
Selective 15 units from the following with approval from major advisor:		15
RPTA 33	Race, Class Gender and Leisure ³	
RPTA 34	The Outdoor Recreation Experience	
RPTA 125	Leisure, the Individual, and Contemporary Society 	
RPTA 128	Recreation Services for Diverse, Underserved and Underrepresented Populations	
RPTA 129	Youth Development in Recreation, Parks & Tourism	
RPTA 130	Community Sport Programming	
RPTA 131	Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR): Military Recreation Services	
RPTA 132	Campus Recreation	
RPTA 137	Community Organization	
RPTA 148	Experiential Education in Outdoor Recreation Settings	
RPTA 149	Developing and Programming Adventure Experiences	
RPTA 150	Ecology Of Resource Areas	
RPTA 151	Visitor Management in Recreation Areas	
RPTA 152	Law Enforcement for Forest and Park Rangers	
RPTA 153	Environmental Interpretation	
RPTA 154	Management of Recreation Facilities	
RPTA 163	Grant Writing for Social, Community and Human Service Organizations	

RPTA 164	Leadership and Fundraising for Non-profit Organizations	
RPTA 165	Volunteer Management in Nonprofit, Service, or Community Organizations	
RPTA 166	Administration in Recreation, Parks and Tourism	
RPTA 167	Professional Organization Leadership	
Internship Requirement (10-12 Units)		
Select from the following for a minimum of 10 units:		10
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		12
RPTA 195Q	Partial Internship: Recreation, Park and Nonprofit Management	
or		
RPTA 195R	Internship: Recreation, Park and Nonprofit Management	
Total Units		57-59

- ¹ At least 9 units must be at the upper division level.
- ² RPTA 21, RPTA 22, RPTA 100, or RPTA 122 may **not** be used to meet major requirements.
- ³ Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area D: The Individual and Society (6-9 Units)		
	Area D Course	3
	Area D Course ²	0 - 3
	Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area E: Understanding Personal Development		
	Area E Course ³	0
Area F: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)		
	Area F Course	3
Total Units		43-46

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>). **Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Department recommends RPTA 33 to meet Area D.

³ Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (9 Units)		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government	3
	Writing Intensive (WI)	3
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (6 Units)		
	English Composition II	3
	Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)	3
	Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ²	0

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² Students with a declared major of BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management, BS in Recreation, Park and Nonprofit Management, or BS in Recreation Therapy are exempt from the Foreign Language Graduation Requirement.