# College of Education Undergraduate Advising

## Recreational Administration (REC)

**Catalog Year:** 2014 (Effective Spring 2015)  
**Total Hours:** 120 Credits

### CORE CURRICULUM  42 Hours

#### Communication
- (010) ENG 1310: College Writing I 3
- (010) ENG 1320: College Writing II 3

#### Mathematics
- (020) MATH 1315: College Algebra 3  
  **(Prerequisite: See Undergraduate Catalog)**

#### Life and Physical Sciences
- Select two courses from: 6
  - ANTH, BIO, CHEM, GEO, GEOL, PHYS
  - See Degree Audit for Exact Course Options

#### Language, Philosophy, and Culture
- (040) PHIL 1305: Philosophy & Critical Thinking (WI) OR PHIL 1320: Ethics & Society (WI) 3

#### Creative Arts
- (050) Select one course from: 3
  - ART, DAN, MU, or TH 2313: Intro to Fine Arts

#### American History
- (060) HIST 1310: History of United States to 1877 (WI) 3  
- (060) HIST 1320: History of United States from 1877 (WI) 3

#### Government/Political Science
- (070) POSI 2310: Principles of American Government 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 2335)**
- (070) POSI 2320: Functions of American Government 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 2335)**

#### Social and Behavioral Sciences
- (080) Select one course from: 3
  - PSY 1300: Introduction to Psychology OR SOCI 1310: Introduction to Sociology

#### Component Area
- (090) COMM 1310: Fund of Human Communication 3  
- (090) Select one course from: 3
  - ENG 2310: British Literature before 1785  
  - (WI) 3
  - ENG 2320: British Literature after 1785  
  - (WI) 3
  - ENG 2330: World Literature before 1600  
  - (WI) 3
  - ENG 2340: World Literature after 1600  
  - (WI) 3
  - ENG 2359: American Literature before 1865  
  - (WI) 3
  - ENG 2360: American Literature after 1865  
  - (WI) 3

### PROFICIENCY: Foreign Language

If two years of the same foreign language were not completed in high school, students must complete two semesters of the same foreign language at the college level to meet proficiency requirements.

- **Foreign Language Proficiency**

### ELECTIVES  20 Hours

Requires 20 hours of elective coursework, 12 hours of which must be of an advanced (3*** - 4**) level. See back for recommended options.

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### MAJOR: Recreational Administration  39 Hours

A 2.25 Major GPA is required to graduate, which includes all Major, Concentration, and Internship coursework.

- REC 1310: Introduction to Recreation & Leisure Services 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 1300)**
- REC 1330: Leisure & Outdoor Recreation 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 1310)**
- REC 1370: Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 1310)**
- REC 2330: Leadership in Recreation & Leisure Services 3  
  **(Prerequisites: REC 1310, 2330)**
- REC 2335: Recreation Program Development 3  
  **(Prerequisites: REC 1310, 2330)**
- REC 2336: Directed Field Experience in Programming Rec. 3  
  **(Prerequisites: REC 2335, 3360; Dept. Approval)**
- REC 3325: Recreation Administration 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 2335)**
- REC 3335: Advanced Recreation Program Development (WI) 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 2335)**
- REC 3340: Design & Maintenance of Recreational Facilities 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 2335)**
- REC 3351: Evaluation of Leisure Service Programming (WI) 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 2335)**
- REC 4330: Entrepreneurial Recreation Management 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 2335)**
- REC 4350: Theories & Methods of Supervision in Rec. 3  
  **(Prerequisite: REC 2335)**
- REC 4380: Seminar in Recreation (WI) 3  
  **(Prerequisite: Dept. Approval)**

### SUPPORT COURSES  12 Hours

- Select one course from: 3  
  - COMM 2315: Interpersonal Communication  
  - COMM 2330: Small Group Communication  
  - COMM 2338: Public Speaking  
  - TH 3370: Creative Drama
- Select one course from: 3  
  - MC 3343: Introduction to Public Relations  
  - MC 3367: Advertising  
  - MC 4312: Photjournalism  
  - CS 1308: Computer Literacy and the Internet OR  
  - CIS 1323: Introduction to Microcomputer Applications
- Select one course from: 3  
  - HED 3310: Foundations of Personal Health  
  - HED 3321: Health in the Elementary Setting  
  - (Prerequisite: CI 3310 or Dept. Approval)

### INTERNSHIP: Recreation Administration  6 Hours

A 2.25 Major GPA is required to graduate, which includes all Major, Concentration, and Internship coursework. All coursework must be completed before the internship experience.

- REC 4680: Internship in Recreation 6  
  **(Prerequisite: Dept. Approval)**

### INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT  1 Hour

- US 1100: University Seminar (1-Hr Open Elec. if Exempt) 1

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**Program Notes**

Additional Degree Requirements: See Undergraduate Catalog for Residency, GPA, and Graduation with Honors requirements.

Writing Intensive Hours: 9 Hours of designated Writing Intensive (WI) coursework must be completed in-residence with Texas State.

Important Note: See Statements of Understanding sheet for additional notes regarding course sequencing and program requirements.
RECREATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

DESCRIPTION OF THE DEGREE PROGRAM

This 120 credit-hour degree program combines classroom learning and on-the-job training to prepare students for leadership careers in a variety of public and private recreation agencies. Students study such areas as recreation programming, leadership, marketing, evaluation, leisure education, administration, and therapeutic recreation. Locations include camps, nursing homes, community recreation centers, resorts, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, fitness centers, and state and national parks. Graduates are prepared to take a national examination to obtain the Certified Park and Recreation Professional certification. The program is nationally accredited.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This major prepares students for careers in leadership in a variety of public and private recreation agencies, including but not limited to: federal land and recreation agencies, state, county and city parks/recreation/tourism agencies, private recreation and tourism agencies, community centers, camps, and military recreation services.

ELECTIVES – 20 HOURS (INCLUDING 12 ADVANCED-LEVEL CREDIT-HOURS)

Recommended options include selecting a Minor or choosing from the Recreation-related elective categories below, prerequisites may vary

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<td>AG 3355: Woody Plant Materials for Outdoor Landscapes</td>
<td>Commercial Recreation</td>
<td>PHIL 3322: Professional Ethics (WI) (Prerequisite: 3 hours lower-level PHIL, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor)</td>
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<td>AG 4300: Greenhouse &amp; Nursery Management (WI)</td>
<td>NHT 4301: Planning and Development of Nature and Heritage Tourism (GEO Dpt.)</td>
<td>PHIL 3323: Environmental Ethics</td>
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<td>BIO 4435: Techniques in Wildlife Management (Prerequisites: BIO 2411, BIO 2450 with a grade of ‘C’ or better)</td>
<td>MC 3343: Introduction to Public Relations</td>
<td>At Risk Youth</td>
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<td>ENG 3303: Technical Writing (WI)</td>
<td>MC 3367: Advertising</td>
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<td>GEO 3313: Natural Resource Use and Planning</td>
<td>MGT 3303: Management of Organizations</td>
<td>H ED 3376: Worksite Health Promotion PSY 3352: Group Processes (WI)</td>
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<td>NHT 4301: Planning and Development of Nature and Heritage Tourism (GEO Dpt.)</td>
<td>MGT 4373: Human Resource Management (Prerequisite: MGT 3303)</td>
<td>SOCI 3327: Multicultural Relations</td>
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<td>PHIL 3323: Environmental Ethics</td>
<td>MKT 3343: Principles of Marketing (Prerequisite: Junior classification)</td>
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RECR 4680: INTERNSHIP IN RECREATION

Students participate at the administration level in the ongoing work of a selected recreation agency. Upon completion of this experience, the student will have a working knowledge of administrative systems and services of an agency, basic principles of programming, supervision, and administrative operation from a management viewpoint. Much of the student’s time should be spent in activities such as preparing reports, budgets, planning, coordination, and attending board/staff meetings. Other experiences and responsibilities may be added by the agency.

- May only be completed during the Fall, Spring, or both Summer semesters, and is the only class taken during a student’s final semester of matriculation.
- All other required courses for the degree must be completed prior to the internship.
- Students must attend a mandatory meeting the semester prior to the internship.
- 400 hours at approved site.
- Obtain information pertaining to the Internship and other Recreational Administration topics online through the Recreational Administration Major and Minors TRACS site.

ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- If two years of the same foreign language were not completed in high school, students must complete two semesters of the same foreign language to the college level to satisfy foreign language proficiency requirements.
- 9 hours of designated Writing Intensive (WI) coursework must be completed in residence at Texas State.
- A maximum of 66 approved hours from an accredited two-year college may be applied toward degree requirements, not including hours transferred to satisfy foreign language proficiency requirements.
- Graduation with honors requires 54 hours of coursework completed in residence with Texas State.
- Students must meet residency requirements to qualify for graduation. Specifically, at least 24 semester-hours of the last 30 hours completed that are required for the degree must be taken at Texas State. Correspondence, extension, and off-campus coursework completed through Texas State may be applied toward residency requirements.
- Credit-by-examination may not be applied toward residency requirements.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- REC 1310 Introduction to Recreation & Leisure Services and REC 2330 Leadership in Recreation & Leisure Services should be taken as early as possible in order to meet prerequisites for REC 2335, which is the gatekeeper prerequisite course to all other REC course requirements.
- REC 1330 Leisure and Outdoor Recreation requires some weekend work outside of classroom hours.
- REC 3340 Design and Maintenance of Recreational Facilities and REC 3351 Evaluation of Leisure Service Programming should be taken in separate semesters if possible (not concurrently).
- REC 4380 Seminar in Recreation should be taken the semester immediately prior to the Internship.
- The REC 4680 Internship in Recreation must be completed at an approved site. Transportation and/or financial challenges are not justification for this requirement to be waived.
- Regardless of catalog year, students are held to prerequisites and academic policies that are subject to change.
- Many REC courses have limited enrollments and are offered on a rotational basis (Fall only or Spring only, etc.)

Students are responsible for knowing and fulfilling all University, College, Major, and Certification requirements and should refer to the Texas State Undergraduate Catalog for additional information. Students are also encouraged to consult with Academic Advisors to ensure thorough understanding of all degree and graduation requirements.