Parks and Recreation Management, BS

Are you interested in a career in the outdoors or in planning fun community recreation? This program is for you, providing the education and experience you need to become a park ranger, special events planner or community recreation specialist, and positively impact others' quality of life.

Program Description

The BS program in parks and recreation management provides a transdisciplinary education in the management of parks, protected areas, community-based recreation services and special-event management. The parks and recreation field emerged from the youth development, recreation and park movements of the late 19th century.

Students learn to integrate the managerial, natural and social sciences to make informed decisions for recreation service delivery. The curriculum of classroom instruction and field experiences covers:

- communication
- history
- inclusive services
- management
- parks and recreation policy
- planning
- programming

The required internship component of the program allows students to gain practical experience in the parks and recreation professions.

The National Recreation and Park Association accredits this degree program.

Students interested in the Bachelor of Science in parks and recreation management also may be interested in the school's therapeutic recreation program:

https://webapp4.asu.edu/programs/t5/majorinfo/ASU00/PPPRMTRBS/undergrad/false.
This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: Downtown Phoenix campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2020 - 2021 Major Map](#)
[Major Map (Archives)](#)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Community Resources and Development (Parks and Recreation Management), MS
- Community Resources and Development (Sustainable Communities), MS
- Community Resources and Development, MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[Freshman](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)
Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Career Opportunities

This degree program prepares students for professional positions in a variety of public, private and nonprofit organizations. Graduates are employed in a variety of settings in Arizona, nationally and abroad. Graduates find employment in such diverse settings as:

- armed forces recreation
- city park and recreation departments
- county and state park agencies
- federal natural resource agencies
- hospitals and care facilities
- nonprofit recreation programs
- private and commercial recreation facilities
- special event management
- sport venues
- youth agencies

In such settings, graduates design, develop and manage services that address the recreational needs of a particular clientele.
Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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