Are you interested in a career in the outdoors or in community recreation, one that positively impacts others' quality of life? This program provides you the education and experience you need to become a park ranger, special events planner or community recreation coordinator.

**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 through classroom instruction and field experiences to integrate the managerial, natural and social sciences to make informed decisions for recreation services, both community-based and natural resources-based. Topics include: wilderness, environmental communication, history, inclusive services, management, parks and recreation policy, assessment and evaluation, planning and programming.

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

The Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions accredits this degree program.

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)

2021 - 2022 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 are 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://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) 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 MyPath2ASU™ 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.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Study abroad programs that include travel to some of the world's most renowned and pristine parks, wildlife reserves and other recreational facilities, to forests, reefs and deserts, provide students with invaluable professional development and insight for their future career. With over 250 programs available, study abroad allows students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets.

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, theme parks
- 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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