Do you want to work outdoors? No matter your chosen discipline, you will find this program a useful and beneficial enhancement of your education.

Description

As the Southwest continues to develop and urbanize, the demands and pressures on public lands and natural resources continue to grow, and the interplay between society and natural resources is key to understanding modernity and continues to be at the center of policy issues and quality of life debates in the West.

The minor program in parks and protected area management introduces students to the role of parks and protected areas, with a focus on the unique issues faced by managers of urban-proximate natural areas.

The minor allows students enrolled in other undergraduate programs at ASU to broaden their educational experiences; students from such various disciplines as business, education, nursing, public affairs, social work and many others might find this program a beneficial supplement to their existing program.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solution](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix campus](#)

Program Requirements

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Completion of a parks and protected area management minor in the School of Community Resources and Development requires the following:
Required Core Courses -- 12 credit hours

PRM 120: Leisure and the Quality of Life (SB) (3)  
PRM 370: Public Lands Management (3)  
   Notes: Offered fall semester only  
PRM 380: Wilderness and Parks in America (SB & H) (3)  
TDM 480: Sustainable Tourism (3)  

Elective Course (choose one) -- 3 credit hours  

CRD 301: Sustainable Communities (3)  
PRM 340: Outdoor Survival (3)  
   Notes: Offered fall semester only  
PRM 470: Environmental Communication (3)  
   Notes: Offered spring semester only  
TDM 448: Heritage and Cultural Tourism (3)  
TDM 494: Special Topics (3)  

Standards

1. 15 hours of graded classroom coursework (no internship, no independent study)  
2. 12 hours of coursework at the upper-division level, from the approved list  
3. minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) required for all courses in the minor  
4. no double counting of courses for a major and the minor  
5. should be a junior to take 400-level courses  

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: BS in parks and recreation management (all concentrations); BS in recreation therapy

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not
count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates with a minor in parks and protected area management can find opportunities in diverse settings involving a wide range of organizations, including recreation, environmental and youth development.

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