Description

As the Southwest continues to develop and urbanize, the demands and pressures on public lands and natural resources continue to grow. 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 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 urban-proximate natural area managers. 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. Students interested in the parks and protected area management minor may also be interested in therapeutic recreation, available through the parks and recreation management program.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Program Requirements

Completion of a parks and protected area management minor in the School of Community Resources and Development requires the following:

Required Core Courses

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

Elective Course (choose one from the following list):
CRD 301: Sustainable Communities (3)
PRM 340: Outdoor Survival (3)
PRM 470: Environmental Communication (3)
TDM 448: Heritage and Cultural Tourism (3)
TDM 494: Special Topics (3)

Standards

1. 15 hours of graded classroom course work (no internship, no independent study)
2. 12 hours of course work at the upper-division level, from the approved list
3. minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) required for all classes in the minor
4. no double counting of courses for a major and the minor
5. minimum GPA of 2.00 for those pursuing the minor, a major or pre-major, other than a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation management.
6. 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

Majors Ineligible to Add This Minor: parks and recreation management

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Students in most majors may pursue at least one minor and, upon successful completion of the prescribed coursework, have that accomplishment officially recognized on the ASU transcript at graduation if the college or department of the minor officially certifies, through established verification procedures, that all requirements for the minor have been met and the college (and in certain colleges, the department) of the student's major allows the official recognition of the minor.

Students wishing to pursue the parks and protected area management minor should consult an academic advisor in the college or department of their major to make sure the college or department of the major allows the recognition of the minor.

Note: Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate either by the college or department of the major or minor. Courses taken as part of a university minor may not count toward both the major degree and the minor. Students pursuing the bachelor's degree in parks and recreation management are not eligible to complete this minor.
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