Opportunities Unlimited

RECREATION AND PARKS

Opportunities for recreation which formerly could be easily found in the neighborhood or at the end of the street have been replaced by new shopping centers, roads and subdivisions. Diminishing open country and crowded cities make more complex the problems of supplying recreation in needed locations and adequate amounts.

Meeting the demand for recreation areas and facilities requires skill and training in the acquisition, development and manipulation of natural resources and dedication to the wise management and administration of existing facilities to promote maximum benefits for their enjoyment.

Lakes and forests, beaches and mountains, sky and sand are the raw materials from which outdoor recreation is fashioned. Engineering skill, landscape knowledge, managerial ability and an artist’s perception are some of the tools needed to shape natural as well as urban areas into desirable locations for boating, swimming, camping or organized sports.

A career in Recreation and Parks offers challenge, adventure and satisfaction to people with university preparation. This training involves solutions of problems arising from both recreation resources and people.

Career Opportunities reflecting the demand for university-trained recreation and park administrators are rising sharply. Large numbers of professional positions are found in state and federal park and recreation agencies; urban, county and regional recreation and park departments; teaching and research positions in universities; operation of commercial recreation enterprises; and planning and development of recreation and park areas.

The Bachelor of Science curriculum provides the student with the knowledge and technical skills necessary to begin a park and recreation career at the professional level. The graduate must be able to use physical resources wisely, to perceive and respond to human needs and desires and to administer recreation and park programs.

The curriculum includes broad exposure to the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences. Courses are included in the following groups:

Professional, related professional, natural science, physical science, social science and general education, electives, military science and physical education.

The Recreation and Parks curriculum permits specialization in either Urban Parks and Recreation or Outdoor Recreation when the student achieves junior status.

Recreational development is a job not of building roads into lovely country but of building receptivity into still unlovely human minds. Aldo Leopold
Summer work experience is an important part of the program. Students receive assistance in obtaining summer employment in cooperative training programs conducted by park and recreation agencies.

**GRADUATE STUDY** is structured to provide advanced professional preparation. Maximum flexibility is maintained to tailor graduate study to the individual student's interests and objectives. Graduate level courses in the Department of Recreation and Parks and in 20 supporting departments allow the advanced student to specialize in such areas as recreation administration and policy, park area design, recreation philosophy, resource planning and recreation economics.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES** play an important part in the departmental program. Students are invited to become members of the Recreation and Parks Club. Meetings are held throughout the school year, and outstanding recreation professionals are featured speakers. The Club sponsors various social affairs and field trips to local and state attractions and to park and recreation developments.

**TUITION COSTS** are minimal, and out-of-state tuition is waived for recipients of graduate assistantships. Expenses for the regular 9-month school year vary with the individual but range between about $1,000 for Texas residents to $1,300 for non-resident students.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** is available to both graduate and undergraduate students. Scholarships are awarded to eligible freshmen and transfer students. Each year the Department awards fellowships and a large number of teaching and research assistantships to qualified graduate students. Part-time employment is also available.

Additional information concerning any aspect of the Recreation and Parks program — courses, careers or financial assistance — may be obtained by writing:

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