

Master of Science in Recreation

Outdoor and Environmental Education

(33-34 semester hours including a comprehensive examination, special project, or thesis)

Intended Audience: Primarily persons who need first-degree professional preparation in outdoor and environmental education. Secondly, persons whose undergraduate study of outdoor and environmental education was not as comprehensive as this model would suggest.

Philosophical Basis: A distinguishing feature of Cortland's initiatives in outdoor and environmental education is their comprehensive character. We have resisted making outdoor education singularly about environmental literacy, adventure, camping, curricular enhancement, etc. We believe that outdoor and environmental educators should fully understand the rich diversity of aims and programs that are associated with outdoor and environmental education.

Degree Requirements: In most instances, substitutions are possible when the student and advisor agree that the student has acquired comparable knowledge or skill in another context. Also, if a student is approved to do a thesis or special project (in lieu of the comprehensive exam), six semester hours of credit may be earned for that work. Project and thesis credits may substitute for internship or courses in the elective, supporting, or concentration areas.

Co-requisites: For "first degree students:"
 REC 600: Survey of the Recreation and Leisure Profession (2 credits)
 REC 699: Readings in Outdoor and Environmental Education (1 credit)
 Additional co-requisites may be required by joint agreement of the Admissions Committee & academic advisor

Course of Graduate Study

A. Recreation:		21 credits*
REC 601	Recreation Research and Evaluation I	3 credits
REC 602	Recreation Research and Evaluation II	3 credits
REC 603	Historical, Philosophical, & Theoretical Perspectives of Recreation & Leisure	3 credits
REC 560	Camp and Outdoor Program Administration	3 credits
Concentration Courses:		
EDU 568	Environmental and Outdoor Education	3 credits
<i>For Environmental Education and Interpretation Students:</i>		
REC 569	Environmental and Cultural Interpretation	3 credits
REC 606	Recreation Internship	3 credits
<i>For Outdoor Pursuits and Organized Camping Students:</i>		
REC 574	Outdoor Pursuits Education and Leadership	3 credits
REC 606	Recreation Internship	3 credits
B. Supporting Area		6 credits*
REC 640	Outdoor Recreation Resource Management - and -	3 credits
EDU 515	Leisure Education OR	3 credits
EDU 523	Elementary School Science OR	3 credits
EDU 645	Teaching Secondary Science	3 credits
C. Electives		6 credits*
REC 610	Wilderness and American Culture	3 credits
BIO 607	Integrated Field Biology	3 credits
D. Culminating Activity – One of the following:		1-6 credits*
REC 683	Comprehensive Examination in Recreation and Leisure Studies OR	1 credit
REC 684	Thesis OR	1-6 credits*
REC 685	Master's Project	1-6 credits*
TOTAL		33-34 credits

*Thesis or project credit is substituted for coursework