

SUNY Cortland Recreation and Leisure Studies Department

Master of Science in Education – Recreation Education

Management of Leisure Services

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

Intended Audience: Both students who are seeking first degree professional preparation in recreation services and persons whose undergraduate study in recreation did not include a concentration or emphasis in management or administration.

Philosophical Basis: The program intends to focus student interest and attention on the roles of managers and administrators in organizations, and to help students develop an understanding of the ways in which management practices can enhance or detract from the humanistic aims of agencies providing recreation services. Students who complete the emphasis should have an understanding of and ability in program, facility, and organizational administration, and should have developed the skills of financial and personnel management. In addition, students should have an understanding of the body of law that applies to leisure service agencies, and a working knowledge of the differences in purposes and practices that exist between public and private sectors.

Degree Requirements: The outline of requirements offered below reflects the aims of the graduate emphasis in the management of leisure services. Substitutions are often possible when the student and advisor agree that diverging from the recommended program will better serve the interests of the student and the department.

Co-requisites: For “first degree students:”

REC 600: Survey of the Recreation and Leisure Profession (2 credits)

REC 495: Administration of Recreation (or equivalent) (3 credits)

POL 240: Introduction to Public Policy (or equivalent) (3 credits)

[or MGT 250: Principles of Management or equivalent]

Additional co-requisites may be required by joint agreement of the Admissions Committee & academic advisor

Course of Graduate Study

A. Professional Education:			15 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
EDU	An education elective, chosen by advisement		3 credits
EDU 515	Leisure Education (or EDU 568 – Environmental and Outdoor Education)		3 credits
B. Recreation Education Concentration			12 credits*
REC 509	Human Resource Management in Leisure Services		3 credits
REC 546	Legal Aspects of Recreation and Park Services		3 credits
REC 544	Commercial Recreation		3 credits
REC 640	Outdoor Recreation Resource Management		3 credits
C. Electives (selected by advisement)			6 credits*
REC	REC 508-Leisure Services for Older Adults; or REC 560-Camp and Outdoor Program Administration; or REC 538-Administration of Therapeutic Recreation; or REC 606-Recreation Internship; or other courses selected by advisement		6 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