

Master of Science in Recreation Administration

Graduate Program Mission

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies offers a program of graduate studies leading to the Master of Science degree in Recreation Administration. The program helps prepare professional personnel who are managers leading private and public agencies and programs, and who can conduct research and evaluations of recreation services. Unusually fine opportunities exist in the Long Beach area for interaction with recreation agencies of all kinds.

Tradition of Excellence

California State University, Long Beach graduated its first recreation student in 1953, just four years after the legislature created the university. An independent Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies was created in 1965 under the guidance of Dr. David Gray. National accreditation of the program by The Council on Accreditation (COA) for Recreation, Park Resources, and Leisure Services has been awarded continuously since 1982 (COA began accreditation in 1977, making this one of the most established programs in the nation).

Requirements

The core requirements for a masters of science in recreation administration are:

REC 521 Recreation Administration
REC 571 Philosophy, Issues, and Trends
REC 591 Proposal Writing
REC 595 Management Studies (Data Analysis)
REC 696 Research Methods

Thesis option: REC 599 (one unit) , REC 698 (four units), plus 12 units of electives.

Project option: REC 698 (three units), plus 20 units of electives.

Elective courses: are to be selected after consultation with the graduate advisor. A maximum of 6 units may be taken from 400-level courses in Recreation. A maximum of six units of graduate work may be transferred from another accredited university or another department in CSULB. Transfer credit must be a "B" or better.

GPA Policies: All students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and earn a grade of "A" or "B" for each required course. No course with a grade lower than "C" may be applied toward the fulfillment of degree requirements.

Course Descriptions: Please see the CSULB Catalog for a full description of all courses offered by the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. The catalog is available via the internet at: <http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/>

Admission Requirements

Admission to the graduate Program in Recreation Administration requires a bachelor's degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies or a bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 units of upper division courses comparable to those required in the undergraduate major at CSULB (provisional admission is permitted while completing prerequisites). In addition, the following criteria must be met for admission:

- Completion of a four-year college course of study and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
- Good standing at the last college or university attended.
- An overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units attempted, excluding lower-division and extension coursework taken after the degree.
- Official test scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General test with a score of "4" or higher on the analytic writing section.

Application Procedures

Applicants must submit a California State University Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Admissions Application to CSULB. A nonrefundable application fee must accompany the application. Applications can be completed on line using CSUMentor. (<http://www.csumentor.edu/>).

Applicants must also submit the following information to the Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies:

- A copy of the Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Admissions Application to CSULB
- Official transcripts for all college work completed
- A resume containing information on educational background and professional experience
- A statement of the applicant's professional goals.
- Three letters of recommendation from people who can address the applicant's academic ability and professional experience

For additional information or to apply to the graduate program, please contact the Department Graduate Advisor:

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