



Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism



The Bachelor Degree program in Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism is designed to prepare graduates for professional positions related to the management and enjoyment of the outdoors. Such positions include management of public parks, forests and protected areas, non-profit lands and facilities such as camps and commercial enterprises that provide goods and services to outdoor enthusiasts.

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Department of Community Sustainability

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The Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism major in the Department of Community Sustainability prepares students for rewarding careers in the outdoors, managing organizations, resources, facilities and people linked to outdoor recreation. Those in the major will acquire an understanding of natural resource recreation and tourism that integrates sustainability and effectively links theory with practice while engaging the community. They will become adept at the management of parks, resorts, marinas, trails, campgrounds, nature centers, outfitting businesses, camps and many other outdoor venues. All senior level courses have a hands-on project component, where students work directly with professionals in the field applying classroom knowledge, critical thinking and effort to provide a lasting benefit to professional partners and society.



Professional Internship

The capstone professional internship requirement gives students a great opportunity to apply their education and get real world experience as a bridge to their professional career.

More than 90% of the internships are paid and can be done in Michigan or beyond. Each is focused on the student's professional interests. The Department has a coordinator who will work with students throughout their internship to help them get the most from this field experience.

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Career Opportunities

- National Park Service
- US Forest Service
- Resort Manager
- State DNRs
- Local parks
- Camp Director
- Convention and Visitor Bureau
- Amusement parks
- Cruise ships
- Marina management

Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment (RISE)

Students looking for a residential option will want to consider the Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment (RISE). This living-learning community houses student's from several different MSU Colleges, including Agriculture and Natural Resources, to engage in educational and social activities related to sustainability, food and environmental stewardship. Visit rise.natsci.msu.edu to learn more about this residential initiative.

Study Abroad Opportunities

Costa Rica – EARTH Consortium Study Abroad

India – Ecology of the Mountains

Peru – Community Engagement and Interdisciplinary Study of Global Issues in the Peruvian Andes

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