Recreation management is the career of the future. By the year 2015, it is estimated that recreation, leisure, entertainment, travel and tourism will become a $10 trillion business, worldwide. Professional careers and opportunities for entrepreneurship in recreation management will continue to grow and thrive in this exciting industry. Students of this program learn how to program, manage, and lead private, public and non-profit recreation enterprises.

Students acquire recreation skills, and management and business principles in a program setting that emphasizes applied learning and the development of essential core competencies for the workforce.

This is the degree program for students who dream of working with people in a high energy and fast paced recreation setting.

**Career Opportunities**

Careers in recreation management are interesting and diverse. In the public sector, graduates find jobs with city and county recreation programs, school districts, state and national parks, corrections, military recreation, convention centers, visitor bureaus and campus recreation programs.

In the private sector, graduates secure jobs with resort hotels, commercial recreation businesses, amusement and theme parks, ski resorts, cruise-lines, casinos, health and fitness clubs, golf courses, private campgrounds and sports facilities. In addition, a multitude of career opportunities exist in the travel and hospitality industries.

In the non-profit sector, graduates find employment with youth serving agencies and camps, church and ministry recreation programs and homeless organizations.

**Knowledge and Skills**

Students in recreation management develop competencies in administration and management, business principles, legal foundations and risk management, facility planning and maintenance, assessment and evaluation, emergency medical skills, activity programming and leadership.

Our goal is to provide students with core skill-sets and competencies that allow for adaptability and success within a wide-range of professional settings.

**Curriculum**

The program requires 77 total credits. The program allows for and faculty encourages students to pursue a minor in a complementary field of study with the remaining 13 credits that are required to obtain the general university graduation requirements.

Students are required to complete 1,500 hours of practical work experience in the recreation field during their course of study. In combination with a 10 week, 400 hour professional internship, students graduate from the recreation management program with one year of working experience.

**Special Features**

The program is accredited through the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). Upon graduation from the recreation management program, students are prepared to sit for the NRPA Certified Leisure Professional examination.

In addition, as part of the program, students have access to other national and state certifications in the areas of aquatics, challenge course facilitation, emergency response, coaching/refereeing and outdoor pursuits.
Students are also encouraged to join professional organizations and become involved in workshops and conferences where contacts, internships and career positions are often determined. The faculty in the program possesses a variety of professional experiences, academic interests and recreational backgrounds. They are committed to the profession and model the core values of activity, wellness and recreation for all.

**Preparation for Admission**

Students in the program are required to have two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college level foreign language. General university requirements apply for admission to the program. All general university requirements for graduation apply. For more information on the program please visit the department website: [http://www.ewu.edu/pehr](http://www.ewu.edu/pehr)

Prospective students of EWU can apply online via [http://www.ewu.edu/admissions](http://www.ewu.edu/admissions) or contact the Office of Admissions at 509.359.2397 to request an application.

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**The University**

Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. This vision informs and inspires EWU’s future. Its campus is located in Cheney within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State.

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