

Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Bachelor of Science Degree

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (biology and chemistry or physics)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- Academic electives (to equal at least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

Forest resources in Maine is a high priority with the state and with the public. A UMaine student in this field will enjoy a level of visibility and importance not found elsewhere.

College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture

Program Description

The parks, recreation and tourism curriculum combines a basic core of courses in the physical, biological and social sciences; the humanities; and communication skills with technical and professional courses in an area of specialization. The program emphasizes the development and application of skills necessary for operational, administrative and managerial positions in recreation, park management, environmental interpretation and tourism fields. Internships and cooperative education opportunities are available with numerous agencies and enterprises.

Students interested in the study of parks, recreation and tourism will find the program ideally situated close to Maine's rocky coasts, mountains, Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park, the Appalachian Trail and state tourism developments. Visits to these sites afford students unique and exciting opportunities both during class and leisure to observe and participate in ongoing operations relevant to the profession. We frequently have guest lecturers from the public sector and commercial recreational enterprises to acquaint students with the diversity of professional management issues and practices.

Specialized Information

Our faculty members, both full-time and cooperating, are unique in their extensive experience in the field as well as their national and international reputations. A wide array of academic experiences is available to students; field experiences, studies abroad and assisting with recreation-related research enhance our students' education and employability.

Students interested in summer internship and cooperative education opportunities can receive academic credit in addition to valuable on-the-job training experiences. Numerous and diverse internship opportunities exist in the area, allowing students to take classes simultaneously if they wish.

Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to join the National Association for Interpretation (Black Bear Chapter), University Recreation Club, Woodsmen's Team and Xi Sigma Pi national honor society. They also have opportunities to participate in such professional experiences as tourism plans for the greater Bangor area and the Calais region; hospitality (pilot) training programs in conjunction with the Bangor Convention and Visitors Bureau; interpretive walks in conjunction with the Maine Audubon Society; commercial recreation enterprise proposals; and park concept plans.

NEBHE Program

Applicants to this program who reside in Massachusetts or Rhode Island are eligible for reduced tuition (in-state plus 50 percent) under the New England Regional Student Program, administered through the New England Board of Higher Education (nebhe.org).

Representative Courses

PRT 225 Readings in Outdoor Recreation
PRT 352 Forest Recreation Management
PRT 355 Visitor Behavior and Management

PRT 480 Wilderness and Wild Scenic River Management
PRT 470 Principles of Tourism Management and Planning
PRT 452 Environmental Interpretation

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Director of parks and recreation, travel industry representative, recreation retailer (e.g. L.L. Bean), naturalist, park ranger, park planner or campground manager.

UMaine Graduate Programs

Master of Forestry in Forest Resources
Master of Science in Forest Resources
Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Resources

About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

How do I apply?

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