UNC GREENSBORO

Department *of* Sport Management & Recreational Therapy

Master of Science Degree in Parks and Recreation Management: Emphasis in Recreation and Sport Management 2026-27 AY

Requirements for admission to the program include:

An official transcript with an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or above, a current resume, a professional statement including career goals, and three references. A standardized test is not required. Interviews are encouraged for all applicants and required for graduate assistants.

Requirements for completion of the program include:

Completion of the degree requires **30 credit hours** of course and fieldwork. There are no undergraduate prerequisite courses in the Community Recreation Management concentration. Graduation requires an overall average of B (3.0) or better, and successful completion of a capstone experience (thesis, project, internship). There is a five-academic-year time-limitation beginning with the first graduate course taken.

A. Core Courses [12 hours]:

CTR 611 – Foundations of Recreation and Parks (3)

CTR 613 – Recreation and Parks Management (3)

Choose one:

CTR 615 – Financing and Budgeting in Sport & Recreation (3)

CTR 641 – Contemporary Issues in Sport (3)

CTR 646 – Community Development (3)

CTR 647 – Recreation and Sport Law (3)

Select one of the following courses:

PCS 605 – Skills and Techniques of Conflict Transformation (3)

PCS 606 – Organizational Conflict: Theories and Practice (3)

PCS 685 – Resolving Conflict in Health Care Systems (3)

PSC 540 – Nonprofit Management and Leadership (3)

PSC 600 – Public Administration and Management (3)

PSC 604 – Public Personnel Management (3)

PSC 615 – Human Resource Development and Performance Management (3)

B. Research Techniques Courses [6 hours]:

Select one of the following five research methods courses:

ERM 604 – Methods of Education Research (3)

HHS 626 – Quantitative Research Methods I: An Introduction (3)

HHS 628 – Qualitative Research Methods I: An Introduction (3)

HHS 630 – Survey Design: Health and Human Sciences (3)

KIN 601 – Applying Research to Professional Practice (3)

SOC 616 – Advanced Research Methods (3)

and

Select one of the following five research analysis courses:

ERM 680 – Intermediate Statistical Methods in Education (3)

HEA 604 – Public Health Statistics (3)

HHS 627 – Quantitative Research Methods II: Application and Analysis (3)

HHS 629 – Qualitative Research Methods II: Application and Analysis (3)

KIN 723 – Statistical Methods for Kinesiology (3)

C. Specialized Line of Study Courses (6 hours)

After consultation and approval of his/her academic advisor, a student in CRM selects six hours of 500-700 level coursework that constitute a specialized knowledge base (line of study) relevant to the student's academic and professional interests and goals.

Departmental Elective Courses

CTR 695 – Independent Study (3)

CTR 696 – Directed Readings (3)

CTR 711 – Experimental Course (3)

CTR 801 – Thesis Extension (1-3)

CTR 803 – Research Extension (1-3)

Notes: A student may not exceed a total of six credits of CTR 695 and/or CTR 696. CTR 695 or 696 may not be taken in a student's first semester.

D. Capstone Experience (6 credits; check catalog for prerequisites):

Select one of the following:

- CTR 697 – Internship in Recreation and Parks (6)
- CTR 698 – Field Project in Recreation and Parks (6)
- A Combination of CTR 697 (3) *and* CTR 698 (3) [6]
- CTR 699 – Thesis (6)

Accelerated Master's Degree Program (AMP) – B.S. to M.S. Degree Program

Application and Admission
Qualified UNCG undergraduate students who are pursuing the B.S. in Recreation and Parks Management may apply for admission to the Accelerated Master's Program. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 based on at least 30 hours earned at UNCG is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 college semester credits and may apply for admission to the AMP as early as the first semester of the junior year. Applicants must apply for admission through the Graduate School (https://grs.uncg.edu/). In the graduate application, students declare their status as an Accelerated Master's Program applicant.

Admitted students may apply a maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level coursework (each course carries 3 credits) from the following course list toward completion of both the undergraduate and graduate degrees, provided that they earn a grade of "B" (3.0) or better in each course:

Required for both concentrations:

CTR 611 – Foundations of Recreation and Sport (3)
CTR 613 – Recreation and Sport Management (3)

Options for the **Community Recreation Management** concentration (*two of three courses*):

CTR 615 – Financing and Budgeting in Recreation & Sport (3)

CTR 641 – Contemporary Issues in Sport (3)

CTR 646 – Community Development (3)

CTR 647 – Recreation and Sport Law (3)

Options for the **Recreational Therapy** concentration (*two of three courses*):

CTR 633 – Professional Issues in Recreational Therapy (3)

CTR 634 – Advanced Procedures in Recreational Therapy (3)

CTR 637 – Advanced Interventions and Facilitation Techniques in Recreational Therapy (3)

CTR 638 – Advanced Client Assessment in Recreational Therapy (3)

CTR 639 – Advanced Clinical Procedures in Recreational Therapy (3)

Please consult with your major advisor to determine how the courses taken at the graduate level will meet requirements in the bachelor's degree program. All degree requirements for the M.S. degree in Parks and Recreation Management remain the same. Several undergraduate courses within the B.S. - Recreation and Parks Management program will be substituted with graduate-level courses identified within the AMP.

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