

The question: What should you get your degree in?



You've investigated the more traditional majors, but still can't find what you're looking for.

Think Recreation.

We all enjoy our free time, but how we spend that time depends, in a large part, on the recreational programs available where we live.

C.M.U.'s Department of Recreation and Park Administration offers the first professionally accredited undergraduate program in Michigan. It remains today, as one of the few institutions in the country to uphold that distinction. The program prepares you to enter leadership positions in satisfying human service careers.

As a Recreation Department major, you will choose your courses from one of four concentrations. With the help of your advisor, you may also select the type of bachelor's degree that best fits your career goals.

Elliott-Martin Award

Every year, two students are honored with the Recreation Department's Elliott-Martin Award. The Award recognizes individuals based on leadership, participation and academics.

Special Olympics

Recreation students may also obtain credit by working in the highly regarded State of Michigan Special Olympics program hosted annually on C.M.U.'s campus. It is a very heartwarming and special experience that is definitely never forgotten!



More Info?

To learn more about what Central Michigan University's Department of Recreation and Park Administration has to offer, please contact:

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Central Michigan University's Recreation & Park Administration

The Answer.



Outdoor & Environmental

Being cooped up in an office, shuffling papers and rarely getting outside from nine to five is not everyone's favorite way to spend a day! If you are the type of person who craves fresh air, physical exercise and a close relationship with nature, then this may be the career for you.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Camp Counseling
Nature Study
Park Management
Teaching Outdoor Skills



Community & Education

A need exists for trained leisure specialists who can administer a total recreation program that is both fun and rewarding for participants. Through creative and innovative thinking, you will be challenged to motivate people to "recreate" and refresh their minds and bodies through activities.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Administration
Budgeting
Financial Assistance
Programming



Therapeutic



Therapeutic Recreation is a structured part of rehabilitation, helping ill, and physically challenged people reach their maximum level of efficiency and achieve greater quality of life. Job options could range from working with terminally ill patients, to setting up programs to reduce social problems in low-income neighborhoods.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation
Camping for the Handicapped
Recreational Activities Leadership
Recreation for the Ill & Handicapped

Commercial & Facility Management

Convention centers, resorts, cruise ships and amusement parks are among the better known "for profit" establishments in the recreation field. Facilities such as these need carefully trained professionals to create, organize and implement the recreational programming for them. Whether you work at Disneyland or a local health club, you will be challenged to provide innovative activities that will please your guests.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Budgeting
Commercial Recreation Programming
Comprehensive Facility Design
Leadership



Travel Study

Recreation students will have a chance to enroll in exciting travel/study field courses for college credit. Whether it's winter survival camping in the upper peninsula or canoeing in Colorado, this program holds special interest for those who like to explore other regions.

Internship

Our internship program is a unique one. Each experience is individually designed to assist a student with his/her specific career objectives. Students will gain valuable work experience in their chosen field of study—the year-long program provides students with a competitive advantage when entering the work force.



Rec Club

The Recreation Club or "Rec Club" as it's popularly called, is a student-run organization and one of the most active on campus. Members participate in various educational and social events. From community service projects to professional conferences, theme parties to dances. The Rec Club is a great way to gain valuable experience and have a blast at the same time!