

# *Mission & Vision*

***Department Mission.*** Central to the Department is a focus on prevention and remediation of human challenges and enhancement of well-being in relation to individual and collective behavior at schools and community practices, and through public policy.

***Program Vision.*** Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of Georgia will be known for outstanding scholarship, leadership, and educational excellence in the areas of recreation administration, experience-based education, and the scholarly study of leisure. To that end faculty and students address the design, provision, and evaluation of recreation and leisure services that facilitate health, education, and well-being across the lifespan, and study the psychological and social dimensions of leisure. It is our belief that recreational contexts can foster positive growth and development, engage citizens in their communities, and promote understanding and respect for diversity.



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## RECREATION & LEISURE STUDIES PROGRAM

### *Undergraduate Studies*



The University of Georgia

## Program Overview

The Recreation and Leisure Studies Program at the University of Georgia prepares students for positions in recreation, parks, and leisure services. Students gain broad knowledge and skills in the areas of administration of recreation, leisure, and human development services with an emphasis on programming techniques inclusive of people with a range of

abilities. The major leads to careers in

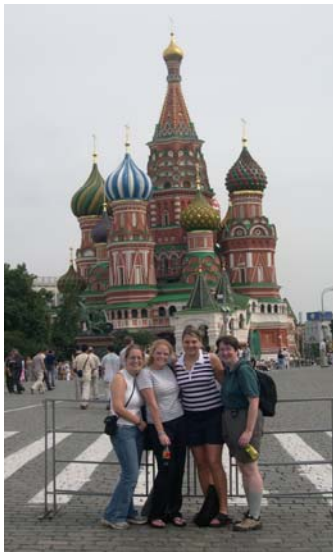
recreation program leadership or the administration and

management of public, private, civic, and social agencies. The

major will be of interest if you are seeking employment in municipal park and

recreation agencies, health and fitness centers, corporate recreation, military

recreations, Scouting, camps, prison populations, developmental learning centers, senior centers, student unions, intramurals, environmental education, performing arts management, event management, park management, and agencies



## Coursework

As a Program, Recreation and Leisure Studies actively involves students in the learning process. Through experience-based courses, students do more than absorb information, they become engaged in ways that promote better learning, they acquire a sense of civic responsibility, and they provide valuable services to residents of our community. With faculty on-site during these experiential activities, students are able to receive more direct and individualized feedback from their instructors.

Majors must complete 60 semester hours of course work for the degree. Core courses for the Program consist of a 12 hour unified introductory course co-taught by department faculty during their first semester and other general courses thereafter. The course of study is finalized by a full semester 15 hour internship in a career related experience. Other courses of interest include:

Advance Program and Event Management

Leisure in a Diverse Society

Marketing and Finance in Leisure Services

Youth Development & the Camp Experience



***“The Recreation and Leisure Studies Program has allowed me to focus my education in a way that made school more than books and my future more than work.***

***— Jordan Sasser, student***

## Find Out More...

Students interested in finding out more should contact the program office to set up an appointment with faculty or students. Students can also arrange to sit in on a class or special event.

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