

RLST 1030
Professional Opportunities in Recreation and Leisure Studies

(Last taught Spring 2000)

Required Text: Kelly, J.R., & Freysinger, V.J. (2000). 21st Century leisure: Current issues. Needham Heights, MA: Allyn & Bacon.

Objective:

The purpose of this course will be to introduce students to many of the basic concepts and key professional issues relevant to the field of recreation and leisure studies. Through weekly readings, response papers, and discussions, students will be able to identify and describe critical debates in the field, and begin thinking about how these may be important in their own lives.

Format:

One topic will be covered each week; a brief (20-25 min.) lecture will be provided at the beginning of each class to clarify and elaborate on key ideas students will read in the related chapters, and to describe how these relate to professional concerns. This will be followed by in-class discussion and debates where students may ask for additional clarification on key concepts, question ideas submitted in the debate section of each chapter, and raise alternative questions or issues for debate. The discussion questions found at the end of each chapter will provide a guideline into that week's potential topics.