

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Concentration (POR) 2025-2026

Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation Management (RMGT)

❖ **Mason Core, 37 credits:** For current list of approved courses: catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/

- Written Communication - 3 Credits (**ENGH 101^C**)
- Written Communication - 3 Credits (**ENGH 302^C**)
- Oral Communication - 3 credits
- Information Technology - 3 Credits
- Quantitative Reasoning - 3 Credits (**STAT 250^C or EDRS 220^C or BUS 210^C**)
- Literature - 3 Credits
- Arts - 3 Credits
- Global History - 3 Credits (**HIST 125 or HIST 394**)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences - 3 Credits (**RMGT 210**)
- Global Contexts- 3 Credits
- Natural Science - 7 Credits (**one lab & one non-lab science**)

❖ **Recreation Management Core, 51 credits**

- RMGT 210: Recreation and Leisure in Life (**social/behavioral science**)
- RMGT 241: Practicum
- RMGT 310: Prog Planning & Eval
- RMGT 316: Leadership & Outdoor Ed.
- RMGT 317: Social Psyc of Play & Rec
- RMGT 323: Prog Leadership & Eval
- RMGT 327: Foundations of TR
- RMGT 405: Planning/Operations of Rec Facilities
- RMGT 410: Admin of SRT Orgs
- RMGT 490: Rec Mgt Internship (**Apex**)
- SRTM 412 Sport, Recreation, and Tourism Marketing
- SPMT 462/RMGT 460: Sport Business Law/Sport and Recreation Law
- SRST 200: Hist Sport & Leisure America
- SRST 450: Research Methods (**Writing Intensive**)

❖ **Parks and Outdoor Recreation Concentration, 18 Credits**

- RMGT 300: People with Nature
- RMGT 302: Park Management and Operations
- TOUR 340: Sustainable Tourism
- RMGT 362: Cultural and Environmental Interpretation
- RMGT 402: Human Behavior in Natural Environments
- RMGT 501: Introduction to Natural Resources Law

❖ **General Electives, 17 credits**

Relevant to student interests (e.g., RMGT 260, RMGT 470, EVPP, GGS, RECR, SRTM courses)

Total: 120 Credits

Suggested Academic Plan (to be supplemented by Mason Core and Electives)

Semester	Course	Credits	Prerequisites
1 st Year Fall	RMGT 210 Recreation and Leisure in Life	3	
	SRST 200 History of Sport & Leisure in America	3	
1 st Year Spring	RMGT 317 Social Psychology of Play & Recreation	3	RMGT 210
2 nd Year Fall	RMGT 300 People with Nature	3	
	RMGT 310 Program Planning & Evaluation	3	RMGT 210 or SRST 200
	RMGT 316 Leadership and Outdoor Education	3	
2 nd Year Spring	RMGT 241 Practicum	3	RMGT 210 or RMGT 316 or SRST 200
	RMGT 323 Program Leadership & Evaluation	3	RMGT 310
	RMGT 327 Foundations of Therapeutic Recreation	3	
	TOUR 340 Sustainable Tourism	3	RMGT 210
3 rd Year Fall	RMGT 302 Park Management & Operations	3	RMGT 300
	RMGT 362 Cultural & Environmental Interpretation	3	
	RMGT 410 Administration of SRT Organizations	3	60 Credits
	STAT 250/EDRS 220/BUS 210 (C or higher required)	3	
3 rd Year Spring	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition – Social Science or Multidisciplinary recommended (C or higher required)	3	45 credits recommend, Lower-level ENGH ^C and Mason Core Literature
	RMGT 402 Human Behavior in the Natural Environment	3	RMGT 300
	SPMT 462/RMGT 460 Sport Business Law/Sport and Recreation Law	3	60 credits
4 th Year Fall	RMGT 405 Planning and Operations of Recreation Facilities	3	60 Credits
	SRTM 412 Sport, Recreation, and Tourism Marketing	3	RMGT 241
	SRST 450 Research Methods	3	STAT 250 ^C or EDRS 220 ^C or BUS 210 ^C recommended ENGH 302 ^C
4 th Year Spring	RMGT 490 Recreation Management Internship	12	All courses completed/Mandatory Internship Meeting
	RMGT 501 Introduction to Natural Resources Law	3	SPMT 462/RMGT 460

Academic Requirements: 120 total credits; 45 upper-level credit hours; 30 hours (12 upper-level) GMU residency requirement; completion of Mason Core courses; GPA of at least 2.0. Accredited by The Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT)

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Suggested Transfer Academic Plan for Parks and Outdoor Recreation Concentration:

- Assumes all Mason Core requirements (except ENGH 302 and Quantitative Reasoning) and electives have been met.
- If 17 credits of electives have not been acquired, they must supplement this plan.

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1 st Year Fall	RMGT 210 Recreation and Leisure in Life	3	
	RMGT 300 People with Nature	3	
	RMGT 316 Leadership and Outdoor Education	3	
	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition – Social Science or Multidisciplinary recommended (C or higher required)	3	45 credits recommend and Lower-level ENGH ^C and Mason Core Literature
	STAT 250/EDRS 220/BUS 210 (C or higher required)	3	
1 st Year Spring	RMGT 241 Practicum	3	RMGT 210 or RMGT 316 or SRST 200
	RMGT 317 Social Psychology of Play & Recreation	3	RMGT 210
	RMGT 327 Foundations of Therapeutic Recreation	3	
	SRST 200 History of Sport & Leisure in America	3	
	TOUR 340 Sustainable Tourism	3	RMGT 210
1 st Year Summer	RMGT 410 Administration of SRT Organizations	3	60 Credits
	SPMT 462/RMGT 460 Sport Business Law/Sport and Recreation Law	3	60 Credits
2 nd Year Fall	RMGT 302 Park Management & Operations	3	RMGT 300
	RMGT 310 Program Planning & Evaluation	3	RMGT 210 or SRST 200
	RMGT 362 Cultural & Environmental Interpretation	3	
	RMGT 405 Planning and Operation of Recreation Facilities	3	60 Credits
	SRTM 412 Sport, Recreation, and Tourism Marketing	3	60 Credits, RMGT 241
2 nd Year Spring	RMGT 323 Program Leadership & Evaluation	3	RMGT 310
	RMGT 402 Human Behavior in the Natural Environment	3	RMGT 300
	RMGT 501 Introduction to Natural Resources Law	3	SPMT 462/RMGT 460
	SRST 450 Research Methods	3	STAT 250 ^C or EDRS 220 ^C or BUS 210 ^C recommended ENGH 302 ^C
2 nd Year Summer	RMGT 490 Recreation Management Internship	12	All courses completed/Mandatory Internship Meeting

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Parks and Outdoor Recreation Advising Questions

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