

**SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES**

MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Purpose and Characteristics

The program for the Master of Science in Recreation is designed to develop competencies for positions of administrative responsibility in the professional field of recreation, parks and tourism. Maximum flexibility in choice of course work within the program enables the student both to broaden his/her knowledge of the field and to concentrate on his/her particular area of specialization. Look at the Recreation and Leisure Studies Student (RLS) Graduate Program website (www.sfsu.edu/~recdept/html/gradhm.htm) for current information.

Undergraduate Preparation and Admission Standards

It is desirable that applications for candidacy for the Master of Science in Recreation have completed a Bachelor's degree in Recreation. A degree in a related field, however, (e.g., Creative Arts, Natural Science, Physical Education, Public Administration, Tourism, Park Planning, Social Welfare, etc.) may be accepted provided such applicants demonstrate, through experience and/or training, professional skills and qualifications for the field of recreation.

Because Master's degree work in Recreation is based upon professional experience in the field no application for candidacy for the Master of Science program will be processed, unless the applicant has had a minimum of two years, or the equivalent, of successful full-time paid employment in recreation parks and tourism or a closely allied field.

Applicants lacking satisfactory field experiences, professional preparation or an appropriate undergraduate degree may be required to complete indicated undergraduate courses and requirements to become eligible for consideration. Such units may NOT be counted as part of the total number of units required for the Master's degree.

Admission to Candidacy

Applicants for candidacy for the Master of Science in Recreation must meet all college requirements for graduate students as listed in the University Bulletin, which may be obtained from the Bookstore, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132. Telephone (415) 338-2092

In addition to the all-college requirements, applicants must have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or better in the last 60 units of undergraduate course work (equivalent of a b), or have other very strong compensating qualifications. Students are required to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (B) in all post-baccalaureate work.

Specialization

Applicants may develop, under advisement, an emphasis in a special area of recreation through selection of appropriate courses in the contract program, in addition to the core requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, GYM 207
 San Francisco State University
 1600 Holloway Avenue
 San Francisco, Ca 94132
 Telephone: (415) 338-2030
 Website: www.sfsu.edu/~recdept/html/gradhm.htm
 Email: benes@sfsu.edu

CURRICULUM

General college requirements for the Master of Science Degree are listed in the Graduate Studies section of the Bulletin. Department requirements are summarized below:

FOUNDATIONS (9 units of required courses)	UNITS
REC 850 Research Methods in Recreation and Leisure Studies	3
REC 862 Foundations of Leisure	3
REC 880 Leisure Education	3
 PROFESSIONAL CORE (9 units of required courses)	
REC 850 Human Resources Development in Leisure Services	3
REC 862 Management of Leisure Services	3
REC 880 Trends and Issues in Leisure Services	3
 AREA OF SPECIALIZATION * (12 units)	12
Selected courses with advisor approval (maximum of 9 units upper division undergraduate courses)	
 CULMINATING EXPERIENCE OPTIONS (3 units; Select one option)	
1) REC 898 – Master Thesis (3) & Oral Defense or	3
2) Selection of upper division or graduate recreation course with approval of graduate major advisor and Master’s Written Comprehensive Examination & Oral Defense	
TOTAL	33**

EXAMINATION

In addition to the oral defense required of students completing a thesis, those candidates not completing a thesis must pass a comprehensive written examination, which includes an oral defense. This written exam broadly assesses the student’s integration and synthesis of required foundation and professional core content. The comprehensive written examination may be attempted a total of two times.

* See attached list for areas of specialization

** Total units may exceed 33 units for students with an interest in therapeutic recreation.

Students with an interest in therapeutic recreation must complete all requirements for the M.S. in Recreation. If the student desires a state and/or national certification in therapeutic recreation, provision is made for coursework and an internship of 3-6 units at an approved agency.

SUGGESTED AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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| Adventure Therapy | Environmental Education & Interpretation |
| Campus Recreation | Industrial/Corporate Services |
| Commercial/Recreation | Tourism Management |
| Community / Urban Services | Outdoor Recreation |
| Special Event Management | Leisure Education & Counseling |
| Park & Resource Management | Marketing and Public Relations |
| Research | Non-Profit & Recreation Services |
| Finance & Budgeting | Services for Aging Populations |
| Resource Planning | Special Needs Population |

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PROSPECTIVE GRADUATE STUDENT

PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION

1. Review RLS Graduate Website www.sfsu.edu/~recdept/html/gradhm.htm and packet of graduate information materials provided by the department. If you have any further questions about our program, please call or make an appointment for an information interview.
2. Then at the same time apply to SFSU and to the RLS Graduate Program.
3. Apply for admission to the University. (Request an application form from the Office of Admissions). Note: all CSU campuses use a standard application form. Such forms are frequently available at local high schools and community colleges, as well as from the Office of Admissions.
4. Review the SFSU website (www.sfsu.edu) and/or request a copy of the University Bulletin and Class Schedule which are both available for sale through the SFSU Bookstore. They can be mailed to you.
Phone number: (415) 338-2092

Address: SFSU Bookstore
 San Francisco State University
 1600 Holloway Avenue
 San Francisco, CA 94132
5. Arrange for two sets of transcripts from each college/university attended. Have one set sent to the Office of Admissions and one set sent to this office.
6. Arrange for three of letters of recommendation to be sent directly to the department:
Send them to: Dr. Patrick Tierney, Graduate Program Coordinator
 Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, GYM 207
 San Francisco State University
 1600 Holloway Avenue
 San Francisco, CA 94132
7. Return a completed (typed) Application Form to the Department. This includes a detailed Career Goal – Statement of Purpose.
8. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for information regarding student loans, work study, assistantships, etc. – (415) 338-7000 or email at finaid@sfsu.edu
9. Foreign students should consult the University Bulletin or SFSU website (www.sfsu.edu) for special admission requirements, TOFEL exam, and procedures and/or contact the International Programs Office -- (415) 338-1293 or email at oip@sfsu.edu.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

*** APPLICATION FORM - PROSPECTIVE GRADUATE STUDENT**

Return to: Dr. Patrick Tierney, Graduate Program Coordinator
 Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, GYM 207
 San Francisco State University
 1600 Holloway Avenue
 San Francisco, CA 94132

NAME	
Application for:	
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Last Name	First	Middle	()	Phone
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Current Address	City	State	Zip
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Permanent Address	City	State	Zip
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E-mail <input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/>	/	/	/	Birthdate
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I. EDUCATION

1. Undergraduate Major Year of Graduation
 Minor

2. Colleges and/or universities attended (include post-bachelor's degree work):

INSTITUTION	MAJOR	DATES	DEGREE
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3. Special workshops or training programs completed:

PROGRAM	DATES
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II. EXPERIENCE

1. Current Employment: Full-time
 Part-time _____ Number of hours per week

Position: _____

Name and Address of Agency: _____

Dates: _____

Principal Responsibilities: _____

2. Prior Employment:

A. FT PT _____ Average number of hours per week

Position: _____ Dates: _____

Name and Address of Agency: _____

Principal Responsibilities: _____

B. FT PT _____ Average number of hours per week

Position: _____ Dates: _____

Name and Address of Agency: _____

Principal Responsibilities: _____

C. FT PT _____ Average number of hours per week

Position: _____ Dates: _____

Name and Address of Agency: _____

Principal Responsibilities: _____

(Attach extra if necessary)

3. Voluntary park/recreation/tourism leadership experiences
(include dates and hours per week):

4. Other related experiences:

III. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

1. List professional memberships:

2. Awards, honors and scholarships:

3. Registration and special certificates:

IV. CAREER GOALS AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Write a 3-5 page (typed, double-spaced) essay on: Why are you interested in attending graduate school?; What are your personal and professional goals?; How does a Master of Science in Recreation meet your career goals? Please be specific in your responses.

V. REFERENCES

You are required to obtain three letters of recommendation from persons other than students and relatives, including at least one letter from an individual in the field of Recreation, Parks and Tourism who knows you in a non-academic capacity. Have the letters sent directly to:

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San Francisco State University
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San Francisco, CA 94132

List references below:

1. _____
Name Title Relationship

Street City State Zip

2. _____
Name Title Relationship

Street City State Zip

3. _____
Name Title Relationship

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VI. TRANSCRIPTS

A copy of official transcripts from all institutions of higher learning must be received by the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies before your application is complete. (Those sent to the Admissions Office are frequently not available to this department).

Have you requested that transcripts be sent to this department?

Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

I submitted an official application for admission to San Francisco State University on:

Date _____

I have _____ have not _____ received a formal acceptance notice with permit to register.

Signed _____

Current Date _____