

# RECREATION, SPORT & TOURISM, MS

for the degree of Master of Science in Recreation, Sport & Tourism (on campus & online)

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**overview of admissions & requirements:**

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The M.S. degree may be undertaken as a terminal professional track program or serve as the first step toward the Ph.D. program.

## Graduate Degree Programs in Recreation, Sport & Tourism

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Recreation, Sport & Tourism, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs/recreation-sport-tourism-phd/>)

The Department of Recreation, Sport & Tourism offers programs of study leading to the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The Master of Science program educates students about leisure behavior, public parks and recreation systems, sport and tourism, in various private, public and semi-public settings providing leisure services. The Ph.D. program is designed to develop researchers and educators in the study of leisure behavior, the management of recreation, tourism, and sport systems that provide leisure services, or both.

## Admission

The Graduate College admission requirements apply. Specifically, the admission requirements are a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last two years of undergraduate work and any graduate work completed. In accordance with Graduate College requirements, applicants must receive a minimum score on the TOEFL of 103 and on the IELTS a minimum score of 7.5. Students are also required to provide an academic statement of purpose, a personal statement, and three letters of reference (at least one should be an academic reference). Campus-based MS students may be admitted for the fall or spring semesters. Online MS students may be admitted for the fall, spring, or summer semesters.

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A candidate for the M.S. degree must spend at least one semester on campus. A full-time student can complete the program in three or four semesters.

Students in the online program complete the Non-Thesis option. See below.

For additional details and requirements for all degrees, please refer to the department's website (<http://rst.illinois.edu/grad-overview/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

## Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
RST 501	Concepts & Applications in Recreation, Sport & Tourism	4
Select two of the following:		8
RST 512	Managing Recreation, Sport & Tourism Organizations	
RST 515	Marketing in RST	
RST 516	Finance & Budgeting in RST	
Select one Option Area Course from:		4
RST 502	Critical Issues Recreation Mgt	
RST 520	Critical Issues Sport Mgt	
RST 530	Critical Issues Tourism Mgt	
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		
Support Option		8
Research Methods		8

RST 599	Thesis Research	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

**Other Requirements**

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum Hours Overall Required Within the Unit:	12 at the 500 level
Minimum 500-level Hours Required overall:	16
Minimum GPA:	3.0

**Non-Thesis Option**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Coursework:</b>		<b>28</b>
RST 501	Concepts & Applications in Recreation, Sport & Tourism	4
RST 504	Applied Evaluation and Needs Assessment in RST	4
RST 512	Managing Recreation, Sport & Tourism Organizations	4
RST 515	Marketing in RST	4
RST 516	Finance & Budgeting in RST	4
RST 519	Strategic Management in RST	4
Select one Option Area Course from:		4
RST 502	Critical Issues Recreation Mgt	
or RST 520	Critical Issues Sport Mgt	
or RST 530	Critical Issues Tourism Mgt	
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

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Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum Hours Overall Required Within the Unit:	12 at the 500 level
Minimum 500-level Hours Required overall:	16
Minimum GPA:	3.0