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:
overview of grad college admissions & requirements: https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply

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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.

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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. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for all campus-based graduate degrees. In accordance with Graduate College requirements, scores on the TOEFL must be greater than 102 and scores on the IELTS must be greater than 7.5. Students are also required to provide a statement of purpose outlining their area of study, and three letters of reference (at least one should be an academic reference). Preference is given to applicants who will be full-time students and active degree candidates. Students may be admitted for the fall, spring, or summer semesters.

Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program. It is also anticipated that doctoral students will engage in research activities and scholarly communication under the guidance of their advisor.

Financial Aid

The department offers quarter-time and half-time assistantships in teaching, administration, and research, as well as tuition and fee waivers and the opportunity to apply for fellowships.

Thesis Option

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Additional Coursework

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| Research Methods       | 8     |
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