RECREATION, SPORT & TOURISM, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Recreation, Sport and Tourism

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overview of admissions & requirements:

https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply

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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.

Graduate Degree Programs in Recreation, Sport & Tourism

Recreation, Sport & Tourism, MS (on campus & online)

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Admission

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.

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.

Departmental requirements include satisfactory performance on the written preliminary examination at the completion of formal coursework, the oral preliminary examination on the proposed research for the thesis, and a final examination in defense of the doctoral thesis.

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.

Other Requirements ¹

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¹ 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/).