The Recreation, Parks & Tourism (RPT) Department at SF State, in existence since 1946, has established a reputation for excellence. The faculty members are well-qualified instructors who represent a broad range of skills, interests and expertise within the profession and discipline. The department offers a Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration, which is accredited by the national Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (COAPRT). Accreditation provides many benefits including credibility and broader recognition within the academic and professional community. Employers can be assured that graduates from our department have the knowledge, skills and experience (1000+ hours) necessary to enter the profession as, community leaders, advocates, and social change agents.

EMPHASIS AREAS

Community Recreation and Health
As a community recreation professional, you will be responsible for planning, organizing and directing these community services, activities, programs and events. Ultimately, you will play a critical role as a catalyst for social change – engineering experiences that lead to wellness and an enhanced quality of life among individuals, families and the community.

Events, Tourism, and Commercial Recreation
Persons employed in this field work in a wide variety of outdoor and indoor settings, from huge events like the Olympics, small corporate incentive travel programs; ecotourism tour companies in national parks, professional sports teams, conventional and visitor bureaus to theme parks.

Nonprofit Sector
The nonprofit sector offers as many types of positions as the for-profit sector; from youth services to civic and advocacy, from elderly services to emergency relief and child care, from after-school enrichment to performing arts and museums, from outdoor and natural resource protection to prevention and intervention planning, from funds development to grants and project management, from technical services and social assistance to volunteer management.

Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and National Resources
Professionals in this field are employed in a diverse range of activities within the scope of outdoor recreation, parks and natural resource management. Examples of job titles include: Outdoor recreation planner, adventure guide, park ranger, environmental education specialist, park manager, forester, wildlife manager, camp director, trail supervisor and many more.
## SUGGESTED FIRST- AND SECOND-COURSE YEAR SEQUENCE

### FALL 2017**
- ORAL COMMUNICATION
- WRITTEN COMMUNICATION I
- **PHYS. SCI or LIFE SCI and SCIENCE LAB
- MATH QUANTITATIVE REASONING
- CRITICAL THINKING (RPT 110)

### SPRING 2018
- WRITTEN COMMUNICATION II
- **PHYS. SCI or LIFE SCI and SCIENCE LAB (if science lab was not completed in first semester)
- ARTS (RPT 210)
- ARTS or HUMANITIES
- HUMANITIES: LITERATURE (RPT 230)

### FALL 2018
- US HISTORY
- US/CA GOVERNMENT
- SOCIAL SCIENCE
- RPT 200
- ELECTIVE

### SPRING 2019
- ***Upper Division Physical and/or Life Sciences
- ***Upper Division Arts and/or Humanities
- ***Upper Division Social Sciences
- RPT 300
- ELECTIVE
- BIOL 240

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* AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken at a community college can also impact the suggested course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect your scheduling, please contact an SRC advisor.

**Must match a Science Lab course with one Physical or Life Science class taken, and be taken concurrently or after lecture.

***To take Upper Division courses, 48 units must be completed at the start of semester or have 60 units completed at the end of the semester.

### ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER

Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway until before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need permission numbers from your instructor to add classes via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it noted on your official records must occur within the first three weeks of each semester. After this three-week period, you are no longer allowed to drop courses via your Gateway. You must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition with objective supporting documentation. If approved, a “W” will appear on your transcript. All withdrawal petitions that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation will be denied within the College of Health & Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal, and “W”s on your transcript can reflect poorly. Also keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once for a maximum of two times.

Lastly, it is ALWAYS students responsibility to ensure that they are in the appropriate classes — always check your schedule!

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**RESOURCES:**

**SF STATE RECREATION, PARKS & TOURISM**
HSS 307 | recdept@sfsu.edu | (415) 338-1802
recdept.sfsu.edu

**CHSS STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER**
HSS 254 | srcenter@sfsu.edu | (415) 405-3740
chss.sfsu.edu/src

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