



What can I do with a major in Recreation & Leisure Studies?

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*The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.
Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.
Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.*

Description of Recreation and Leisure

The Recreation and Leisure Studies Program at the University of Georgia prepares students for positions in recreation, parks, and leisure services. Students will gain broad knowledge and skills in the areas of administration and management of recreation and leisure services. Programming techniques for people with a range of abilities are emphasized. The major leads to careers in recreation program leadership or the administration and management of public, private, civic, and social agencies. The program of study at the University of Georgia is generally divided into the general university core, the major, and electives.

Job Titles of Recreation & Leisure Studies Graduates

(*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Account Executive*	Cruise Director	Recreation Therapist*
Activity Coordinator*/Director	Dept. of Recreation/Parks*	Regional/Cultural Arts Coordinator*
Activity Therapist*	Director of Therapeutic Recr*	Scuba School Training Coord.*
Adventure Travel Coord.	Event Manager*/Planner*	Southern Region Program Dir*
Adventure/Outdoor Education	Naturalist*	Special Education Teacher*
Arts & Crafts Director	Park Manager/Ranger*	Teacher/Coach*
Assistant Director for Camp*	Program Coordinator*	Youth Director*
Camp Director*	Project Research Director*	Youth Services Worker
Community Support Coord.*	Recreation Coordinator*	
Counselor*	Recreation Program Coord.*	

To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcc.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

***Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

Employment Settings of Recreation & Leisure Studies Graduates

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Adventure/Amusement Park	Community Recreation Depts.	Renaissance Pine Isle Resort*
Athens Heritage Home*	Danset Trails Nature Center*	Sandy Creek Nature Center*
Athens-Clarke Co. Leisure Services*	Duluth Parks & Recreation*	Second Nature Wilderness Prog*
Athletic Fields Inc.*	Flexicom Verizon Wireless*	Smithfield NC Parks & Rec.*
Boy Scouts of America*	Gwinnett County Parks & Recre.*	United States Dept. of Defense*
Camp Twin Lakes*	Health South Incorporated*	West Central Ga.Regional Hosp.*
Camp Woodside*	Inner Harbour Hospital*	Winterville Retirement Center*
Charter Hospital of Greenville*	Marketing Event Partners*	Wyoming State National Park*
Churches*	Panola Mountain State Park*	YMCA**
Clarke Co School System*	Phoebe Putney Mem. Hospital*	Youth Camps

Strategies Associated with Recreation and Leisure Studies

- Major in recreation in leisure studies
- Develop outstanding communication skills
- Take courses in marketing and advertising
- Gain business and budgeting experience
- Gain related experience with parks, camps and non profit organizations
- Obtain necessary certifications

Top UGA Career Center Resources for Recreation & Leisure Studies Majors

Careers in Focus: Sports- 2nd Edition by Ferguson

Mulligan Guide to Sports Journalism Careers by Mulligan, Joseph F.

Opportunities in Sports & Athletic Careers by Heitzmann, M. Ray

UGA Campus Contacts Associated with Recreation & Leisure Studies Majors

UGA Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies

<http://www.coe.uga.edu/chds/rlst/>

College of Education Student Organizations

<http://www.coe.uga.edu/students/orgs.html>

Sports & Recreation Clubs at UGA

<http://www.uga.edu/stuact//studentorganizations/summer2001directory.htm>

Employment Resources for Recreation & Leisure Studies Majors

Therapeutic Recreation Directory

<http://www.recreationtherapy.com>

National Therapeutic Recreation Society

<http://www.NRPA.org>

Great Outdoor Recreation Pages

<http://www.gorp.com/default.htm>

Galaxy

<http://www.einet.net/galaxy/Leisure-and-Recreation/Sports.html>

American Association for Leisure and Recreation

<http://www.aahperd.org/index.html>

ActiveParks.org

<http://www.activeparks.org/>

American Therapeutic Recreation Association

<http://www.atra-tr.org>

Environmental Careers Organization

<http://www.eco.org>