

PARK AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MASTER OF SCIENCE
PARKS AND CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE



DELIVERY METHOD

100% online

START TERMS

Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer

COMPLETION TIME

2-4 years

NUMBER OF CREDITS

30 credits



SlipperyRock
University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System
of Higher Education

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Promote and protect our natural heritage, advance your career, and do something you love. Slippery Rock University's Master of Science program in Park and Resource Management makes your goals possible. The program is designed to meet the diverse needs of practitioners in the field of parks and conservation while preparing individuals from diverse backgrounds for a career change. This graduate program is designed to meet the needs of:

- Park managers
- Park rangers
- Resource management specialists
- Park interpreters
- Outdoor recreation planners
- Environmental educators
- Recreation directors

The program can also accommodate those students wishing to change fields by providing graduates with a sound base in:

- Ecological understanding
- Planning
- Management theory
- Practical solutions to educating about the environment
- Recreation and resource management issues generated from the social, economic, and political scene

Students are given the opportunity to enhance their organization, management, communication, and computer skills through coursework. The program culminates in an internship experience designed to provide opportunities to implement the gained knowledge and skills.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SRU's online Master of Science degree in Park and Resource Management offers:

- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule with classes taught 100% online
- A 30-credit hour program that can be completed in two calendar years.
- A program with a well-established alumni base
- Courses taught by highly experienced faculty
- Coursework focuses on theory, practice, and application
- Internships can be attempted after having completed at least 18 credits in the program

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program is open to anyone who meets the general admissions requirements for graduate study at Slippery Rock University with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts.
- Personal statement of personal/professional career goals

TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

PCRM 654	Natural and Cultural Resources Law	3
PCRM 655	Social Science Research Methods in Conservation	3
PCRM 656	Environmental Issues	3
PCRM 657	Environmental Grant Writing	3
PCRM 658	Environmental Education	3
PCRM 675	Recreation Resources Management	3
PCRM 686	Management Strategy in Parks and Recreation	3
PCRM 750	Parks and Recreation/Environmental Education Internship	6
Select Free Elective		3
Total Hours		30

IMPORTANT CURRICULUM GUIDE NOTES

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.

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TESTIMONIALS

"The Park and Resource Management master's program has literally been life changing for me. I earned my Bachelor's degree in 2002 and deciding to pursue a master's degree after all of that time was pretty daunting. But the flexibility of the program and the immediate support of faculty allowed me to ease into my comfort zone so that I could focus on learning. The professors teaching these courses are wonderful educators and truly care about your success. The knowledge and experience I gained in this program have given me the confidence to pursue the career I have always wanted." Ben Kehoe, SRU Graduate '18

"Since graduating from the PRM program, I now work for the Rebuild NC project, assisting with disaster relief for those impacted by Hurricane Matthew. This involves researching topographic maps of coastal N.C. towns and conducting detailed flood zone analyzation. Since the coasts of North Carolina are ever changing and impacted by storms, I feel that my degree will greatly assist with upward movement in this career field." Kayla Chipley, SRU Graduate '17

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