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 specialist
- 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, and 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 and no campus visitation is required
- A 30-credit hour program that can be completed in two calendar years. Two classes are taught each semester over a two-year period, two in each fall and spring
- A program with a proven track record
- Courses taught by highly experienced faculty
- Coursework that focuses on theory, practice, and application
- Internships can be attempted after having completed at least 18 credits in the program

CURRICULUM (30 CREDITS)

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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 transcripts from the applicant’s baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable)
- A statement of purpose/intent

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.

TESTIMONIALS
“The Yellowstone/Grand Teton trip was awe inspiring, well organized, and one of the best experiences of my life. As a professional Grad student who works full time it would have been exceedingly difficult to plan and prepare a trip like this myself. One could appreciate this trip for simply being immersed in the natural beauty of these parks, however I feel that knowledge of the trip leaders made it an educational experience as well. Whether listening to the diverse array of park employees that Dr. Lisco scheduled to speak to the group or taking in Dr. Davis’s impressive outdoor skills, I came away from this trip more prepared and excited for my next adventure. One of the most surprising developments for me personally was how much more connected I feel to Slippery Rock University and the Park and Resource Management Program. It wasn’t only meeting the professors I have only corresponded with online, but it was also seeing passion of the undergards and how they worked together and demonstrated responsibility. I believe these students respect the mission of the department and I came away feeling part of a family, rather than a student on the other end of a computer.”
Robert Markowick, Current Graduate Student

“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 analysis. 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

“The Park and Resource Management masters program has literally been life changing for me. I earned my Bachelors degree in 2002 and deciding to pursue a masters 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 Current Graduate Student