**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
- Environmental educators
- Park rangers
- Park interpreters
- Resource management specialist
- Outdoor recreation planners
- 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
- Nature and cultural resource and visitor management challenges
- Recreation and resource management issues generated from the social, economic, and political scene

Students are also given the opportunity to hone their organization, management, communication, and computer skills through course work, and the program culminates in an internship experience designed to provide students with the opportunity to implement the knowledge, skills, and abilities gained through their course work.

**Program Highlights**

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

- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule with classes taught exclusively 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 University faculty with many years of experience.
- 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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**Tuition & Assistantships**

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

*The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and it is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.*

*If you are not a resident of Pennsylvania, please check the list of the most recent states approved for online classes and internships at [http://www.sru.edu/Documents/academics/online-learning/approved-states-online.pdf](http://www.sru.edu/Documents/academics/online-learning/approved-states-online.pdf) to see if SRU is authorized to offer distance education and/or field experiences in your state of residency.*

**Admissions 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 copies of undergraduate transcripts
- A statement of purpose/intent

For questions about academics and course scheduling:

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