

PARK AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND CONSERVATION
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PARK AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEGREE?

A degree in Park and Resource Management will help you take a great adventure while also protecting and conserving special places through an understanding of the relationship between people and the natural world. Students can go on to work for federal and state land management agencies or enter the nonprofit conservation and resource management sector. This hands-on degree will prepare you to work in places such as nature centers, zoos, museums, national and state parks, or public land management agencies. With the great outdoors as your office, each day will hold an exciting new adventure.

PARK AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AT SRU

Through the Park and Resource Management curriculum, students will be exposed to basic and advanced principles of natural and cultural resource management. Students can choose to concentrate their studies in a variety of areas, including, but not restricted to, environmental education and interpretation; park resource law enforcement; understanding human impacts on natural resources; ecological science; natural history; and land management.

WHY CHOOSE SRU PARK AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT?

- 1. Hands-on applied coursework:** Many courses include service learning projects in which students develop environmental education programs or collaborate with local resource management professionals. Courses are often taught at SRU's Macoskey Center for Sustainable Systems Education and Research, an 83-acre outdoor laboratory with diverse habitats. Students also gain valuable field experience through a practicum and internship while building a professional network.
- 2. Experienced faculty:** Learn from full-time faculty who bring extensive research, and professional experience in environmental education, sustainability and resource management into the classroom.
- 3. Certifications:** Earn valuable certifications such as Leave No Trace, National Association for Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guide, and Wilderness First Responder.
- 4. Support and guidance:** Every undergraduate is assigned a faculty adviser to provide academic guidance and career planning throughout the program.
- 5. Opportunities for faculty-led travel:** Expand your learning through field-based experiences. Past opportunities have taken students to the Grand Canyon, Arches, Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Acadia national parks as well as to the country of Belize.



MAJOR

- Park and Resource Management (BS)*

MINOR

- Environmental Communication and Heritage Interpretation

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU Park and Resource Management students have completed internships at various locations including:

- National Park Service
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Bureau of State Parks and Bureau of Forestry
- Delaware and West Virginia State Parks
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- SRU Robert Macoskey Center for Sustainable Systems Education and Research
- Asbury Woods Nature Center
- National Aviary
- Pittsburgh Zoo

CAREER OUTCOMES

SRU park and resource management majors have been successful in securing exciting careers with a variety of agencies and organizations in some of the most beautiful places in the world. They have the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors every day as well as the responsibility to help connect future generations to natural and cultural resources and inspire a respect and appreciation for these special places. Graduates of the departments have secured careers in the following areas:

- Protection ranger – National Park Service
- Interpretive ranger – National Park Service
- Park ranger I – PA Bureau of State Parks (DCNR)
- Protection ranger – Delaware State Parks
- Program manager – Adventure Links
- Environmental interpretive technician – Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Senior education specialist – Pittsburgh Zoo
- Crew leader – Youth Conservation Corps
- Environmental interpretive technician – Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Park Ranger Society
- Environmental Education and Interpretation Club
- Between Two Trees Hammock Club



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Bobbi Ann Pease – SRU class of 2018 Backcountry Ranger, National Park Service

"Being a student in the SRU Park and Resource Management program provided countless opportunities to develop my team building and leadership skills. The variety of classes prepared me to head out into the workforce confidently."

Brian Reed II – SRU class of 2017 PA Outdoor Corps Crew Leader, Student Conservation Association

"In my time at SRU, the Parks and Conservation Department served as my second home where I could learn about the technical parts of my profession as well as some life lessons that were passed down by the experientially diverse staff that was there."

Grant Smith – SRU class of 2017 Park Guide, Wind Cave National Park

"My classes taught me how to interact and reach out to other professionals in the field, and I got valuable experience from my internship in the field. I wake up every morning looking forward to going to work. I love every aspect of my job and I can't imagine myself working for anyone other than the National Park Service."

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