

# PARK AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MASTER OF SCIENCE  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

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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. Two classes are taught each semester over a two-year period, two in each fall and spring
- 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 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](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.

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## CURRICULUM (30 CREDITS)

### FULL-TIME - TWO YEARS (EXAMPLE: STUDENTS ENTERING FALL TERM)

FALL I (6 credits)	WINTER I (optional 3 credits)	SPRING I (6 credits)	SUMMER I (3 credits)
PCRM 655: Social Science Research Methods in Conservation PCRM 657: Environmental Grant Writing PCRM 675: Recreation Resource Management	PCRM 615: Issues in Park and Resource Management (optional elective course)	PCRM 656: Environmental Issues PCRM 658: Environmental Education	PCRM 673: Ecosystem Ecology: if student has basic knowledge of ecology an elective may be substituted, i.e. PCRM 615: Issues in Park and Resource Management or PCRM 677: Cultural Resource Management
FALL II (6 credits)	WINTER II (optional 3 credits)	SPRING II (3-9 credits)	SUMMER II (3-9 credits)
PCRM 655: Social Science Research Methods in Conservation (If class closed, then students may take: PCRM 657: Environmental Grant Writing) PCRM 686: Management Strategies in Park and Resource Management	PCRM 615: Issues in Park and Resource Management (optional elective course)	PCRM 654: Natural and Cultural Resources Law PCRM 656: Environmental Issues PCRM 658: Environmental Education or PCRM 750: Internship	PCRM 673: Ecosystem Ecology: if student has basic knowledge of ecology and elective may be substituted, i.e. PCRM 615: Issues in Park and Resource Management or PCRM 677: Cultural Resource Management and/or PCRM 750: Internship
PCRM 750: Internship (students have the option to complete internship in the fall or spring semesters)			

### PART-TIME - FOUR YEARS (EXAMPLE: STUDENTS ENTERING FALL TERM)

FALL I (3 credits)	WINTER I (optional 3 credits)	SPRING I (6 credits)	SUMMER I (3 credits)
PCRM 655: Social Science Research Methods in Conservation	PCRM 615: Issues in Park and Resource Management (optional elective course)	PCRM 656: Environmental Issues	PCRM 673: Ecosystem Ecology: if student has basic knowledge of ecology and elective may be substituted, i.e. PCRM 615: Issues in Park and Resource Management or PCRM 677: Cultural Resource Management
FALL II (3 credits)	WINTER II (optional 3 credits)	SPRING II (3-9 credits)	SUMMER II (3-9 credits)
PCRM 657: Environmental Grant Writing	PCRM 615: Issues in Park and Resource Management (optional elective course)	PCRM 658: Environmental Education	PCRM 673: Ecosystem Ecology: if student has basic knowledge of ecology and elective may be substituted, i.e. PCRM 615: Issues in Park and Resource Management or PCRM 677: Cultural Resource Management
FALL III (3 credits)		SPRING III (3 credits)	
PCRM 675: Recreation Resource Management		PCRM 750: Internship	
FALL IV (3 credits)		SPRING IV (3 credits)	
PCRM 686: Management Strategies in Park and Resource Management		PCRM 654: Natural and Cultural Resources Law	PCRM 750: Internship

## 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 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

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