

Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management Student Engagement Experience

Pre-internship requirement

Purpose: The purpose of the Student Engagement Experience in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management (RPTM) is to provide students with opportunities to develop competencies outside of the classroom and in support of curriculum learning objectives, under the supervision of a faculty member or professional in RPTM. Further, the experience in RPTM provides students with opportunities to prepare for the 480 hour, 12-week professional internship (RPTM 495A).

All students are required to complete a 50 hour/point work experience in an agency, on-site, under the direction of a professional in RPTM. The remaining 250 points may be selected from the attached menu.

Procedure: Students will be required to earn 300 engagement points prior to registering for RPTM 495A. Documentation of each experience (using the Student Engagement Checklist and support documentation) must be submitted with the other internship pre-requisites including CPR/First Aid certification, academic audit (demonstrating a 2.0+ GPA, completion of RPTM 356 and an earned C or better in RPTM 394).

Note: Students should consider the selection of their experience(s) as preparation for and in support of career goals.

Student Engagement Experience - Activity Schedule

Activity	Description	Comments	Hours	Documentation required
Mandatory requirement				
Work or volunteer in a professional setting	<p>Student engages in a paid or volunteer work experience in the field.</p> <p>Only experiences that have taken place since the student matriculated at a university will count.</p> <p>Food and beverage experience and retail experience <u>do not count</u> for this requirement.</p> <p>Lifeguarding may only count as 50 hours total.</p>	<p>Students can work with up to 6 agencies.</p> <p>Students must work a minimum of 50 hours at each agency for the experience to count.</p> <p>Agency hours that are class related (i.e., RPTM 236, 356) may not count unless the student continues with the agency beyond class expectations.</p> <p>The agency/company must be in the recreation service delivery industry.</p> <p>Can be a volunteer or paid employee experience.</p>	50-300 per agency	Complete the 300 Hour Requirement Form and obtain an agency supervisor signature verifying duties and hours.
Students may select from the following for credit opportunities for a maximum of 75 hours toward the 300 hour total		Students may only count one experience for the hours (i.e., if student chooses to participate in a second experience, the hours do not count toward the total 300 points)		
Outdoor School	In-residence camp counselor at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center Outdoor School	Student is in residence as either a counselor or learning group leader.	75 hours	Academic audit
Outdoor Consortium	Faculty guided off campus learning		75 hours	Academic Audit

	opportunity through Outreach.			
Resort Recreation Practicum	Faculty guided off campus learning opportunity through Outreach	Students may only count one experience for the hours (i.e., if student chooses to participate in a second experience, the hours do not count toward the total 300 points)	75 hours	Academic Audit
Study Abroad (RPTM only)	RPTM 399/499	Faculty directed study abroad course that is embedded in the RPTM curriculum.	75 hours maximum	Academic Audit
Shaver's Creek Festival Classes	Children's Halloween Trail Maple Harvest Festival	Students may only count each event one time (i.e. if you decide to do Maple Harvest Festival twice, you can only earn 50 hours	50 hours maximum	Academic Audit
Involvement in research project	Student collaborates in an aspect of the research project, including conducting surveys, interviewing visitors, etc.	Must be approved by the faculty mentor in advance of participating in the project.	75 maximum hours	300 Hour Form with faculty/graduate student signature verifying duties and hours.
Cruise Recreation Experience	RPTM 497P		75 maximum hours	Academic Audit
Aurora Leadership	RPTM X97		75 maximum hours	Academic Audit
Peer Mentoring (RPTM 456)	RPTM X97		50 hours maximum	Academic Audit