

RECREATION PROGRAM ADVISING MATERIALS

TOURISM

If you are a recreation major or are applying to the program and would like to have tourism as an emphasis area, the following information should help you with course planning. Make sure to keep in touch with an advisor in the program to insure that all program requirements are being met. An advisor can also be an important resource for course, fieldwork and internship planning.

Employment in Tourism

Professional positions in tourism are varied and broad in scope. There are jobs in both 'Inbound Tourism' (hosting visitors) and 'Outbound Tourism' (taking people other places.) Explore the links provided on the following page to explore work options in tourism:

<..\379 - 2006\Tourism Websites.doc>

Recreation Courses

The following two electives are available as part of your required course work:

Phase II Recr 379 Tourism Planning and Development
Phase IV Recr 479 Ecotourism: Principles and Practices

Other ways within the program that you can further focus in the area of tourism:

- Whenever possible, choose topics for projects and papers that have relevance and/or application in tourism.
- Seek an internship that is in the area of tourism that you are interested in
- Seek summer employment in tourism
- Do some of your 240 required fieldwork hours in a tourism related organization
- Select support area courses wisely

Support Area

The Recreation Program requires the completion of a 25 credit hour 'support area', a grouping of varied courses to strengthen your knowledge base related to tourism. Support area courses may be taken from a variety of departments but must be approved by a Recreation advisor. A related minor (or second major) would fulfill the support area requirement. Any of the following minors would be a good compliment for recreation/tourism:

- International Studies (Listed under Interdisciplinary Programs in the WWU Catalog)
- Business Administration
- American Cultural Studies
- Anthropology Communication
- Anthropology
- Sociology
- Geography
- Environmental Education

Support Area Course Selection

Although your support area is best designed to meet your individual needs and interests the following recommendations should help with your selection of courses.

Keep in mind that support area courses should be predominantly upper division although there are select courses at the 200 level that are acceptable.

A list of some recommended courses is provided below to help you get started with course planning. THIS IS NOT AN INCLUSIVE LIST and I encourage you research other classes that might apply to your interests as courses change with visiting faculty and fluctuations in department resources. Make sure to get the classes approved for your support area before making final plans.

In general, the following departments offer courses with a clear link to the study of tourism: Anthropology, Environmental Studies, Business, Communications, American Cultural Studies, Sociology, and Fairhaven College. Some classes have prerequisites, these are not listed below.

Courses in tourism

These are not offered on a regular basis, check the time schedule for availability.

Anth 417G The Anthropology of Tourism
A/Hi 431 Popular Culture, Tourism and Leisure
ESTU 440 Ecotourism and Sustainable Development

Related courses

AMST 301	Comparative Cultural Studies
COMM 224	Small Group Process
COMM 318	Professional Communications
COMM 325	Introduction to Intercultural Communications
COMM 327	Interpersonal Communications
ESTU 303	Human Ecology
ESTU 305	Environmental History and Ethics
ESTU 371	Environmental Education
ESTU 385	Environmental Sociology
FAIR 242	The Art of Play: Reclaiming imagination and spontaneity for the adult
FAIR 344	Cross-Cultural Psychology

GEOG 209	Geography and World Affairs
GEOG 351	Map Reading and Analysis
GEOG 214	Environmental Geology
MIS 220	Intro: Business Computer Systems
MIS 304	Fundamentals of Web Development
MGMT 319	Business Communications
MGMT 311	Introduction to Management and Organizational Behavior
MGMT 482	Business and its Environment
MKTG 380	Principles of Marketing
PLSC 271	Introduction to International Relations

In addition:

- Second year language classes can count toward the support area requirement
- Study abroad courses can often count toward the support area requirement
- Many departments, especially Fairhaven College, have courses where the specific topics change each year. Topics in these variable courses are sometimes related to tourism and can be a good option for the support area. Check the time schedule rather than the course catalog yearly for possibilities.