

RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE STUDIES *DEPARTMENT*





MAJORS

OUTDOOR RECREATION

RECREATION

RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

TOURISM AND RECREATION

→ All five degree options are fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions.

CAREER POTENTIAL

Areas of opportunity:

- Sustainable tourism management
- Service learning leadership
- Adaptive sports and inclusive recreation
- Event management and wedding planning
- Certified Therapeutic Recreation professions
- Nature centers and environmental education
- Outdoor pursuits and campus recreation
- Parks and recreation departments
- Resorts and commercial recreation businesses
- State and federal land-managing agencies
- Therapeutic recreation in hospitals, rehabilitation centers and long-term care
- Youth-serving agencies and camps

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SUNY Cortland is home to New York state's largest and most comprehensive academic program in recreation, where students are prepared for careers in a thriving and diverse profession. Our graduates improve quality of life as they work with individuals, groups and communities. The Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Department is one of the oldest and most highly respected accredited programs in the nation.

OPPORTUNITY IN THE OUTDOORS

The William H. Parks Family Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education, located in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains, hosts research projects, workshops and adventure activities. The department's required two-week Outdoor Education Practicum takes place at the center, bonding students across all four majors. Additional class experiences take students on outdoor adventures such as kayaking, backpacking and rock climbing.

GLOBAL IMPACT

The Inclusive Recreation Resource Center helps people of all abilities find accessible activities. The Coalition for Education in the Outdoors unites scholars from around the world. Both are headquartered in Cortland. Recreation-specific study abroad travel and meaningful 14-week capstone internships are trademarks of the department.

By the numbers

70

years hosting the Cortland Recreation Conference

→ Taking place on campus each fall, it is the longest-running, student-planned recreation conference in the nation.

LEARN MORE

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