

Slippery Rock

School: University

Location(s): Slippery Rock, PA

Section of PA: NW

Types of Degrees: BS, MS, MED, minor

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Website: <https://www.sru.edu/>

Admissions:

Undergraduate: <https://www.sru.edu/admissions/first-year-students>

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Park and Resource Management (BS)

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/ches/departments/parks-and-conservation/programs>

If you have ever considered working as a park ranger or park manager in a national or state park, this is your major. The Park and Resource Management (PRM) program has placed students in exciting careers for over 30 years. Our alumni base represents almost every land management agency in the United States. Students with this degree are well suited for careers with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation, Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, Delaware State Parks, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and a host of others.

In addition to the land management agencies, students with this major also work in private and non-governmental agencies. Our students have worked as wilderness educators, camp counselors, and as climbing, fishing, and river guides, to name a few.

Park and Resource Management (MS)

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/parks-and-resource-management-master-of-science>

The Master of Science degree in Park and Resource Management is a 30-hour program. This program is online only. The program is oriented to meet the needs of park and resource or environmental education professionals serving as environmental educators, park rangers, park interpreters, resource management specialists, outdoor recreation planners, and similar professional positions. The program is designed to provide graduates with a sound base in ecological understanding, planning, and management theory. Courses study practical solutions to environmental education, natural and cultural resource and visitor management challenges, as well as those issues generated from the social, economic, and political scene. Students can also hone their organization management, communication, and computer skills. The program utilizes the services of nationally known professionals to supplement its graduate faculty in the teaching of courses, supervision of internships, and advisement. This arrangement enables the program to keep its course offerings current and relevant to professional needs.

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Park and Resource Management Program

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Resort Recreation and Hospitality Management BS, MS

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/resort-recreation-and-hospitality-management>

Slippery Rock University's Resort, Recreation, and Hospitality Management (RRHM) program prepares students for exciting careers in hotels, resorts, casinos, parks, etc. Through practical experiences, RRHM majors gain crucial skills that can't be learned through traditional lectures. They also develop the knowledge and field experience to meet the demands of this fast-paced, exciting field. RRHM students begin with introductory classes such as Sustainability in the Hospitality Industry and eventually advance to higher-level courses. The program culminates with a 12-week internship at a hospitality or tourism-related agency. Internships are available at resorts, hotels, cruise lines, and community/municipal recreation centers.

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Recreational Therapy (BS)

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/ches/departments/recreational-therapy>

The Recreational Therapy Bachelor's of Science degree is designed to prepare competent entry-level recreational therapists in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. This preparation allows students to work with individuals with disabling conditions in various settings and specialty areas. The BS degree also provides a relevant foundation for graduate school in Recreational Therapy and other healthcare and human service-related programs. The Recreational Therapy Bachelor's of Science degree comprises a core of Recreational Therapy content courses and courses related to population groups typically served in the profession. These courses include RT for individuals with physical disabilities, RT for individuals with mental health and psychosocial disorders, and RT for Elderly Populations. Advanced courses such as Client Assessment, RT Program Design, and RT Interventions provide content related to the knowledge and application of RT service delivery. Students will obtain practical experiences working with individuals with various disabilities and/or conditions during enrollment in many of the RT-required courses. The senior Internship is a capstone course that requires students to work for 14 consecutive weeks in a practice setting under the supervision of an RT faculty member and a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS). Upon graduation, students are eligible to apply to sit for the national certification exam conducted by the National Council for Recreational Therapy Certification (NCTRC). As part of the BS degree in Recreational Therapy, students are encouraged to select from various minors that will enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities in the specialization of their choice. Recommended minors available at SRU include Adapted Physical Activity, Psychology, Gerontology, and Exceptionalities (Special Ed). Students may also choose to minor or specialize in activity areas applicable to RT practice, including but not limited to adventure fitness, animal-assisted interventions, adapted physical activity, aquatics, and/or gerontology. The BS degree in RT at SRU is highly regarded in the RT profession as preparing competent practitioners who consistently score above the national average of the NCTRC certification

exam. The program promotes a hands-on approach to learning and is flexible enough to offer students the opportunity to pursue various special interests.

Programs in Recreational Therapy

Pre-physical Therapy: Pre PT and Recreation Therapy

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/recreational-therapy-pre-physical-therapy>

For students interested in a career in Physical Therapy. Students work with an advisor to complete a Recreation Therapy Degree and enroll in courses needed to fulfill the entrance requirements for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

Recreational Therapy: Pre-Occupational Therapy

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/parks-and-resource-management-master-of-science>

For students interested in a career in Occupational Therapy. Students work with an advisor to complete a Recreation Therapy Degree and enroll in courses needed to fulfill the entrance requirements for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program.

Minor in Recreational Therapy

<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/parks-conservation-recreational-therapy/recreational-therapy-minor/>

The course work provides students with direct experiences in assessment, planning, implementing, and evaluating programs to meet the needs of individuals from various populations, including people with disabilities, adolescents at risk, and older adults.

Animal Assisted Intervention Minor

[https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/animal-assisted-interventions-\(minor\)](https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/animal-assisted-interventions-(minor))

This minor uses an interdisciplinary approach for students to develop the competencies for using animal-assisted interventions in their professional practice. This minor would be especially appropriate for students enrolled in a health-related, human service, or educational major.

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Recreational Therapy

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Other related Recreation Related programs

Sport Management (BS)

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/cob/departments/sport-management>

The curriculum prepares students for careers in sport event management, intercollegiate athletic departments, minor league sport, sport marketing, sport facility management and other areas of the expanding sport business and sport entertainment industries. The course of study involves a myriad of practical experiences and stresses experiential learning, critical

thinking, and application of knowledge. The program has been in existence since 1977 and enjoys a nationwide reputation as one of the best undergraduate programs in the nation.

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Sport Management

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Environmental Education (MED) - Online only.

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/environmental-education-master-of-education>

Graduate study in Environmental Education is designed to facilitate upward mobility in environmental education and communication by providing students with the skills and experiences needed to excel as environmental educators in formal and informal settings. This program is online only.

This program is ideal for both working educators who possess teaching certification and desire a program of study oriented to non-formal, experiential education and working natural resource managers wishing to more effectively integrate environmental education and communication into programs serving public audiences. SRU's Master of Education in Environmental Education consists of 30 credit hours offered exclusively online. This program will help students increase their understanding of societal interactions with ecological systems, effectively design, implement and evaluate environmental education and communication initiatives in various formal and informal settings, and positively contribute to natural resource conservation and management through a professional internship.

Athletic Training – MS

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/ches/departments/athletic-training>

The Athletic Training (AT) Program at Slippery Rock University combines rigorous academic instruction and authentic clinical experience. It prepares proficient healthcare practitioners who will collaborate with other medical professionals to optimize the activity and wellness of patients and clients in sport, work, and life. The program at Slippery Rock University engages students in the science of athletic training focusing on patient-centered injury and illness prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care. Specifically, the SRU AT Graduate Program emphasizes a distinct concentration on advanced therapeutic rehabilitation interventions. The Visit SRU Graduate Admissions for further details about the application process.

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Athletic Training

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Exercise Science (BS)

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/ches/departments/exercise-science>

The Exercise Science Program at Slippery Rock University is one of the most prestigious programs of its kind in the country. As a student in this major, you will prepare to become a leader in the industry while developing expertise in utilizing cutting-edge technology and hands-on learning experiences under the careful supervision of a student-centered faculty. The curriculum provides you with a strong science base, including anatomy, exercise physiology, and biomechanics, and then allows you to apply this knowledge in practical experiences working with real people. Students in the Exercise Science major at SRU can choose from various programs that can prepare them for graduate studies at SRU while obtaining their Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.

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Exercise Science Program

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Physical and Health Education (BS & MS)

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/coe/departments/physical-and-health-education>

The Department of Physical and Health Education at SRU prepares both undergraduate and graduate students to become leaders in the growing field of Health, Wellness, and Physical Activity. Students take courses rooted in theory and practical experience, preparing them to teach, lead, and manage health, wellness, and physical activity in schools, community, and commercial settings or through entrepreneurial endeavors. Students can choose from two concentrations and four minors, which allow them to translate their interests and love of health and wellness into a career that benefits others. Two concentrations - School Wellness Education and Physical Activity and Fitness Management - train students to be leaders in physical and health wellness and education through courses based in theory and practice. Students also can pursue one of four minors, including Adapted Physical Activity, Adventure Fitness, Aquatics, or Coaching.

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Physical and Health Education

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