INTRODUCING A NEW MAJOR!
Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SPRT)

Frequently Asked Questions for Current NRRT Students

Do I have to change my major?
No. If you started in the Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism (NRRT) major you can continue in that major. However, the new major may better fit your career goals/target employers, based on both its name and course offerings. In terms of access to the new sustainability courses, those three courses (CSUS 200, CSUS 300 and CSUS 301) are open to students in any major and can be taken as electives in the NRRT major or as a requirement in the new SPRT major. The choice is yours. Talk to CSUS academic adviser Frances Kaneene or, to Dr. Chuck Nelson, Internship Coordinator, to discuss options.

How long do I have to finish my degree under the NRRT program?
You will have until the fall of 2019 (five years from the start of the SPRT major) to finish the NRRT major if you stay in that program. However, two courses have been offered for their last time: PRR 449 in FS13 and PRR 211 in SS14. Key content for both of these courses has been integrated into other new courses (PRR 449 into CSUS 476 and PRR 211 into CSUS 276).

What will my diploma say?
If you choose to stay in the NRRT major, your degree will say Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism and your concentration area will be noted on your official MSU transcript. If you switch to the new major it will say Bachelor of Science degree in Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

If I change to the new major, will I have to make up courses?
This is something to discuss with student advisor Frances Kaneene or internship coordinator Dr. Nelson. CSUS and the university are committed not to disadvantage students due to changes in an academic program. Many courses from the previous NRRT major are still part of the new SPRT major,
but all have a new acronym (CSUS) and many have a new course number. See the chart below that shows the former and new course numbers and titles.

**Will there be concentrations in the new SPRT major?**

One difference from the NRRT major to the new SPRT major is there are not concentrations for Commercial Recreation and Tourism and Natural Resource Recreation. Instead, you have access to an array of courses within CSUS as well as outside in departments as diverse as hospitality business, forestry, soil science, fisheries and wildlife, geographic information systems, marketing, accounting, ecological economics and general business law. Considering the increasing partnerships among the public, non-profit and commercial sectors in parks, recreation and tourism, as well as the multiple positions on may hold throughout a career in this field, this flexibility will help you better design a program to fit your career goals. It will also provide you the flexibility to enter the major as a sophomore or junior and still graduate in a reasonable time frame.

**Can I take the new sustainability courses and still graduate in the NRRT major?**

Yes. You are welcome in the three new sustainability courses: CSUS 200, CSUS 300 and CSUS 301. You may take one, two or all three of them and they will be counted as electives if you choose to remain in NRRT.

**Is the internship still required?**

Yes. The professional internship is a critical part of the both the old NRRT and the new SPRT major. It provides a clear capstone course for all the required coursework in the major, using key concepts from many courses in a supervised field experience. It links the student with an SPRT professional and the MSU SPRT faculty internship coordinator during each SPRT student’s senior year. The internship is directly linked to each student’s individual and distinct career goals. It provides for a rich learning experience and a strong resume, critical to a successful job search.