

# SUSTAINABLE PARKS, RECREATION and TOURISM



A bachelor's degree program in **Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism** is designed to prepare graduates for **professional positions** related to the **management** and **enjoyment** of the **outdoors**. Such positions include management of **public parks, forests** and **protected areas, non-profit lands**, and facilities such as **camps** and **commercial enterprises** that provide goods and services to **outdoor enthusiasts**.



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Students in the SPRT major will acquire an **understanding** of **natural resource-based recreation** and **tourism** that **integrates sustainability** and effectively **links theory** with practice while **engaging** the **community**. Students become adept at the management of parks, resorts, marinas, trails, campgrounds, nature centers, outfitting businesses, camps and many other outdoor venues. **All senior**-level courses have a **hands-on project component**, in which **students work** directly with **professionals** in the field, **applying classroom knowledge**, **critical thinking** and **effort** to provide a lasting benefit to professional partners and society.

The **capstone** professional **internship requirement** gives students a great opportunity to **apply** their **education** and get real-world **experience** as a **bridge** to their professional **careers**. More than 90 percent of the **internships** are **paid**, and they can be done in Michigan or beyond. Each is focused on the student's professional interests. The Department of Community Sustainability has a coordinator who works with students throughout their internships to ensure that they make the most of this field experience.

## Career Opportunities

- National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Resort manager
- State departments of natural resources
- Local parks
- Camp director
- Convention and visitors bureaus
- Amusement parks
- Cruise ships
- Marina management

## Study Abroad Opportunities

Costa Rica – EARTH Consortium Study Abroad

India – Ecology of the Mountains

Peru – Community Engagement and Interdisciplinary  
Study of Global Issues in the Peruvian Andes

## Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment (RISE)

Students looking for a residential option will want to consider the Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment (RISE). This living-and-learning community houses students from several MSU Colleges, including the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, to engage in educational and social activities related to sustainability, food and environmental stewardship. Visit [rise.natsci.msu.edu](http://rise.natsci.msu.edu) to learn more about RISE.



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