

LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
LOCK HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

SEMINAR IN CURRENT ISSUES IN RECREATION
RECR410

I. **Introductory Information:**

- A. **Department Name:** Recreation Management
- B. **Department Catalog Number:** RECR 410
- C. **Course Title:** Seminar in Current Issues in Recreation Management
- D. **Credits in Semester Hours:** 3
- E. **Clock Hours Per Week:** 3
- F. **Overlay:** If approved, Seminar in Current Issues in Recreation Management will meet the writing emphasis and information literacy overlays.
- G. **Restrictions Upon Registration:** Limited to Recreation Majors enrolled in Recreation Management Professional Semester.

II. **Description of the Course**

Catalog Description:

Examines a variety of current issues in the areas of therapeutic recreation, outdoor recreation, exercise and performance, and leisure/commercial management. Students use a variety of texts, journals, interviews, electronic media, and newspapers to explore the selected topics.

III. **Exposition:**

A. **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

1. identify, collect, and utilize information to create issues research papers that deal with cultural significance of play, recreation and leisure in contemporary society. (National Recreation and Park Association 8.03)
2. cite, according to the American Psychological Association (APA) style and format, resources within issues papers. (NRPA 8.35)
3. create reference lists for their issues papers which are in accordance with the American Psychological Association (APA) style and format. (NRPA 8.35)
4. evaluate the accuracy and reliability of information, and sources of information, related to current issues in the recreation management field.
5. develop a comprehensive understanding of both sides of an issue, articulate both perspectives in written, oral, and/or electronic forms as they relate to contemporary issues in the recreation industry. (NRPA 8.08)
6. advocate and interpret the concerns of the leisure systems (NRPA 8.05, 8.15)
7. write a paper on ethical leisure behavior in the natural environment. (NRPA 8.05)
8. discuss the relationship of the impact of recreation and leisure behavior in the environment with a focus on the consequences for planning and implementing ethically responsible policies. (NRPA 8.06)
9. identify and discuss contemporary professional trends impacting the recreation industry. (NRPA 8.08)
10. articulate a list of professional competencies and ethical behaviors as related to the student's personal philosophy of recreation and leisure. (NRPA 8.11)
11. identify and utilize resources for the student's personal professional development. (NRPA 8.11)
12. present the arguments surrounding contemporary issues utilizing technology available to them in the classroom including, but not limited to, PowerPoint and SmartBoard. (NRPA 8.35)

B. Activities and Requirements:

1. examine contemporary issues in recreation management.
2. literature reviews.

3. write research papers on current issues.
4. attend research-oriented workshop conducted by library professionals.
5. complete annotated bibliographies.
6. produce PowerPoint and/or SmartBoard presentations.
7. participate in class discussions.
8. conduct peer assessment of research literature.

C. Major Units and Time Allotted:

1. Introduction (4 hours)
 - a. Library Meeting
 - b. APA Style and Professional Writing (NRPA 8.35)
 - c. Use of Technology (NRPA 8.35)
2. Current Issues in Recreation (NRPA 8.03, NRPA 8.08) (20 hours)
 - a. Cultural Significance of Play, Recreation and Leisure
 - b. Contemporary Society
 - c. Environmental (NRPA 8.06)
 - d. Economic
 - e. Political
 - f. Advocate and Interpret Concerns of Leisure System (NRPA 8.15)
3. Ethical Behavior (4 hours)
 - a. Personal Philosophy of Recreation and Leisure (NRPA 8.11)
 - b. Environment (NRPA 8.05, 8.06)
4. Professional Trends (NRPA 8.08) (3 hours)
 - a. Personal Development (NRPA 8.11)
 - b. Professional Development (NRPA 8.11)
5. Informational Literacy (2 hours)
 - a. Source(s)
 - b. Accuracy
 - c. Reliability
6. Presentations (NRPA 8.08, NRPA 8.35) (12 hours)

D. Materials and Bibliography:

1. Suggested Textbook:

Kelley, J.R. & Freysinger, V.J. (2000). *21st century leisure: Current issues*, Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

2. Other Material:
Professional journals and library holdings

3. Bibliographic Support:

Brasile, F., Skalko, T., & Burlingame, J. (1998). *Perspectives in recreational therapy: Issues of a dynamic profession*. Ravensdale, WA: Idyll Arbor.

Gartner, W.C. & Lime, D. W. (Eds.) (2000). *Trends in outdoor recreation, leisure, and tourism*. Wallingford, UK: New York CABI Publishing.

Ibrahim, H. & Cordes, K. (2002). *Outdoor recreation: Enrichment for a lifetime*. Champaign, IL: Sagamore Publishing.

Jackson, R. (1997). *Making special events fit in the 21st century*. Champaign, Illinois: Sagamore Publishing.

Jordan, D.J., (2001). *Leadership in leisure services: Making a difference*. State College, PA: Venture Publishing, Inc.

Kelly, J. & Warnick, R. (1999). *Recreation trends and markets: The 21st century*. Champaign, IL: Sagamore Publishing.

Knudson, D., Cable, T. & Beck, L. (2003). *Interpretation of cultural and natural resources* (2nd ed.). State College, PA: Venture Publishing, Inc.

Kraus, R. (2000). *Leisure in a changing america: Trends and issues for the 21st century*. (2nd ed.). Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

Stumbo, N. (2000). *Professional issues in therapeutic recreation*. Champaign, IL: Sagamore Publishing.

IV. Standards :

Grades will be assigned in accordance with University grading policies. Students in this course will be graded primarily on issue papers, presentations, and class participation.

A. Presentation (NRPA 8.03, NRPA 8.35)

B. Issue Papers

1. Ethical leisure behavior (NRPA 8.05, NRPA 8.06)

2. Personal philosophy including ethical behavior and professional competencies (NRPA 8.11)

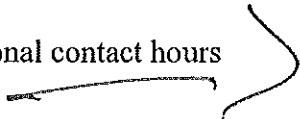
3. Current professional trends (NRPA 8.08)
4. Issues facing leisure delivery systems (NRPA 8.15)
5. Contemporary issues in the recreation industry (NRPA 8.03, NRPA 8.08)

V. Rationale and Impact:

- A. This is a revision of an existing course last updated in 2002.
- B. The course is required for all students majoring in recreation management.
- C. The revision of this course will meet NRPA accreditation requirements.

VI. Cost and Staff Analysis:

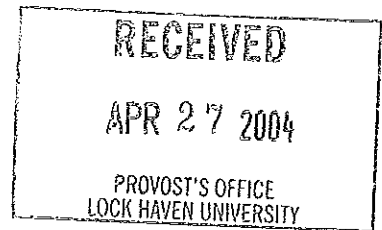
This is a revision of an existing course and will require two additional contact hours each semester.



VII. Date Approved by University President:

Presidential Approval

Date



April 27, 2004

Dear Dr. Stewart,

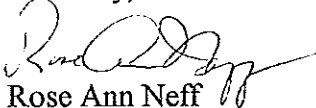
RECR410 Seminar in Current Issues in Recreation Management is changing from a one credit course to three credits to comply with the competencies dictated by our profession's national accrediting body, the National Recreation and Park Association. Some of the professional issues that need to be incorporated into this course include:

- Legal foundations and responsibilities of leisure service agencies, the legislative process, and the impact of policy formation on leisure services
- Legal concepts, including contracts, human rights, property, and torts, as applied to leisure service agencies
- Knowledge of regulatory agents and the ability to demonstrate how to comply with professional, legal, and regulatory standards
- Knowledge of the interrelationship between leisure behavior and the natural environment
- Several other items related to ethics as related to planning, development, and impact upon the environment and also as related to professional behavior

There will be no change in teaching load because we have axed our one credit course RECR101 Leisure Education. We taught two sections of this course in the past.

I hope this explanation provides the necessary explanation for your approval.

Sincerely,



Rose Ann Neff
Chair, Recreation Management

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