

RECREATION AND PARKS LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Founded in 1968, the RPLS department is Minnesota's only nationally accredited undergraduate parks and recreation program. Students graduate with a degree that is highly respected throughout the region and across the nation.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in Recreation Leadership and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Cultural and Natural Resource Management

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The RPLS major offers career tracks in Recreation Leadership and Management and Cultural and Natural Resource Management. Through hands-on learning, experiences in the field and in-classroom learning, the RPLS program prepares students for fulfilling careers in this growing field.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Budgeting
- Conservation and Resource Management
- Personnel Leadership and Management
- Team Facilitation
- Collaboration Skills and Techniques
- Operations and Facility Management

CAREERS

- Program Manager
- Park Ranger
- Nonprofit Manager
- Arena or Aquatic Managers
- Event/Planner Manager
- Convention & Visitor Bureau/Tourism Directors

EMPLOYERS

- City of Mankato
- MN DNR
- National Park Service
- YMCA
- Carver County
- USDA Forest Service

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

95.3%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 218
Respondents: 176
link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$74,330

The median annual wage for Life, Physical, and Social Science occupations in May 2022.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Life, Physical, and Social Science occupations, at link.mnsu.edu/recreation-parks-leisure-services-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



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