

RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT, B.S. (HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park, World Campus

Suggested Academic Plan

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 101*	3 RPTM 210*	3
RPTM 120	3 General Education Course (GS)	3
General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 15, ENGL 30H, ESL 15, or ENGL/CAS 137H recommended) [†]	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
PSU First Year Seminar	1 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16	16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 236*	3 RPTM 220*	3
RPTM 277*	3 RPTM 390*	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3-4 RPTM 300Y*	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 General Education Course (GA)	3

General Education Course (GS)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	15-16	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 456*	3 CAS 283 or CMPSC 203	3
RPTM 370 or 435*	3 RPTM 410	3
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3 RPTM 394*	1
General Education Course (GWS) (CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, CAS 100C, or ENGL/CAS 138T recommended) [‡]	3 Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
Elective	3 Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
	Elective	1
	15	14

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 415*	3 RPTM 495A*	12
RPTM 433W*	3	
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3	
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3	
General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 202D preferred) [‡]	3	
	15	12

Total Credits 120-121

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First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 101*	3 RPTM 201*	3
RPTM 120*	3 General Education Course (GS)	3
General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 15, ENGL 30H, ESL 15, ENGL/CAS 137H recommended) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
PSU First Year Seminar	1 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16	16.5

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPSC 203 (or other General Education Course GQ) ^{*‡}	4 RPTM 220*	3
RPTM 236*	3 RPTM 390*	3
RPTM 277*	3 RPTM 334*	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16	16.5

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 456*	3 RPTM 410*	3
RPTM 370 or 435*	3 RPTM 394*	1
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3 Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
General Education Course (GWS) (CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, CAS 100C, or ENGL/CAS 138T recommended) [‡]	3 Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	13

Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 433W*	3 RPTM 495A*	12
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3	
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3	
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3	
General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 202D preferred) [‡]	3	
	15	12

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First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
RPTM 101*	3	RPTM 120*	3
General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 15, ENGL 30H, ESL 15, ENGL/CAS 137H recommended) [‡]	3	RPTM 220*	3
General Education Course (GH)	3	General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3	General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3	General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
PSU First-Year Seminar	1	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16		16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CMPSC 203 (or other General Education Course GQ)	4	RPTM 277*	3
RPTM 236*	3	RPTM 390*	3
RPTM 320	3	RPTM 410*	3
General Education Course (GH)	3	RPTM 470*	3
General Education Course (GS)	3	General Education Course (GN)	3
		General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16		16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
RPTM 325*	3	RPTM 230 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
RPTM 330*	3	RPTM 326 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
RPTM 394*	1	RPTM 327 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
RPTM 456*	3	RPTM 425 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3

General Education Course (GWS) (CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, CAS 100C, ENGL/CAS 138T recommended) [‡]	3	RPTM 430 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CAS 283 (or Elective if CMPSC 203 taken as GQ)		3 RPTM 495A*	12
RPTM 433W*	3		
RPTM 435	3		
General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 202D preferred) [‡]	3		
General Education Course (GA)	3		
	15		12

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Professional Golf Management Option: Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management, B.S. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 ECON 102 [†]	3 RPTM 295A [*]	3
RPTM 100 (First-Year Seminar) [*]	2 KINES 93 (Teaching Golf I) [†]	3	
RPTM 120 [*]	3 General Education Course (GA) or (GH)	3	
General Education Course (GA)	3 RPTM 220 [*]	3	
General Education Course (GN)	3 RPTM 100B (Player Development) ¹	3	
RPTM 100A (Player Development/Tournament Golf) ¹	3		
	17	15	3

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BA 304	3 ACCTG 211 or 335	3-4 RPTM 395B	3
RPTM 277 [*]	3 RPTM 100B (Player Development) ¹	0-3	
RPTM 250 (Administration Gold Operations II)	2 RPTM 236 [*]	3	
RPTM 100A (Player Development) ¹	0-3 RPTM 360 [*]	3	
STAT 200 or 100 [†]	3-4 General Education Course (GA) or (GH)	3	
TURF 100	3 General Education Course (GN)	3	
	14-18	15-19	3

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BA 303 or RPTM 415 ³	3 CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C	3 RPTM 495B	3
BLAW 243	3 BA 302 ²	0-3	
RPTM 410 [*]	3 RPTM 100B (Player Development) ¹	0-3	
RPTM 456 [*]	3 RPTM 390 [*]	3	
RPTM 100A (Player Development) ¹	0-3 General Education Course (GA) or (GH)	3	
RPTM 254 (Golf Instruction)	2 General Education Course (GN)	3	
RPTM 336 [†]	3		
	17-20	12-18	3

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
RPTM 495C	3 ENGL 202D, 202A, 202B, or 202C (202D Preferred) [‡]	3 RPTM 495D	2
	HM 466	3	
	RPTM 100B (Player Development) ¹	0-3	
	RPTM 433W [*]	3	
	General Education Course (GS)	3	
	RPTM 354 (Advanced Teaching)	2	
	BA 301 ²	0-3	
	3	14-20	2

Total Credits 118-141

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¹ Continuous enrollment in RPTM 100A, 100B, Player Development is required the first year and each semester thereafter until the PGA's PAT is passed.
² BA 302 and BA 301 are suggested for Students pursuing the Smeal Business certificate. These are extra classes, not part of PGA curriculum.
³ BA 303 or RPTM 415 sports studies minor.

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General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 15, ENGL 30H, ESL 15 recommended) [†]	3 CMPSC 203 (or General Education Course - GQ) ^{**††}	4
General Education Course (GH)	3 ECON 102	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3 Elective	2
PSU First Year Seminar (if required at campus)	0-1	
15-16		15

Second Year

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CAS 283 (or Elective if CMPSC 203 taken as GQ) [‡]	3 Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3 General Education Course (GSW) (ENGL 202D preferred) [‡]	3
General Education Course (GWS) (CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, CAS 100C recommended) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	General Education Course (GS)	3
13.5		16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 101 [*]	3 RPTM 277 [*]	3
RPTM 120 [*]	3 RPTM 300Y [*]	3
RPTM 210 [*]	3 RPTM 390 [*]	3
RPTM 220 [*]	3 RPTM 394 [*]	1
RPTM 236 [*]	3 RPTM 410 [*]	3

Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	2-3 Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
17-18		16
Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 370 or 435 [*]	3 RPTM 495A [*]	12
RPTM 415 [*]	3	
RPTM 433W [*]	3	
RPTM 456 [*]	3	
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3	
15		12

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General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3 Elective	3
PSU First Year Seminar (if required at campus)	0-1	
15-16		16

Second Year		
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CAS 283 (or Elective if CMPSC 203 taken as GQ) [*]	3 General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 202D preferred) [‡]	3
General Education Course (GWS) (CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, CAS 100C recommended) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3 Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
	Elective	2
13.5		15.5

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 101 [*]	3 RPTM 277 [*]	3
RPTM 120 [*]	3 RPTM 334 [*]	3
RPTM 201	3 RPTM 390 [*]	3
RPTM 220	3 RPTM 394 [*]	1
RPTM 236 [*]	3 RPTM 410 [*]	3
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3 Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
18		16

Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
RPTM 370 or 435 [*]	3 RPTM 495A [*]	12
RPTM 433W [*]	3	
RPTM 456 [*]	3	

Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser ¹	3
15	
12	

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General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 15, ENGL 30H, ESL 15 recommended) [‡]	3	CMPSC 203 (or other General Education Course GQ) ^{*††}	3-4
General Education Course (GH)	3	General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3	General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GQ)	3	General Education Course (GS)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3		
PSU First-Year Seminar (if required at campus)	0-1		

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Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CAS 283 (or Elective if CMPSC 203 taken as GQ)	3	RPTM 120 (hybrid web section) [*]	3
General Education Course (GWS) (CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, CAS 100C recommended) [‡]	3	General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 202D preferred) [‡]	3
General Education Course (GA)	3	General Education Course (GH)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	Elective	2-3

13.5

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Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
RPTM 101 [*]	3	RPTM 230 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
RPTM 220	3	RPTM 326 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
RPTM 236 [*]	3	RPTM 327 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
RPTM 277 [*]	3	RPTM 425 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3

RPTM 320 [*]	3 RPTM 470 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
RPTM 325 [*]	3 RPTM 430 (or Supporting Course in Consultation with Academic Adviser)	3
		18
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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
RPTM 330 [*]	3	RPTM 495A [*]	12
RPTM 390 [*]	3		
RPTM 394 [*]	1		
RPTM 410 [*]	3		
RPTM 433W [*]	3		
RPTM 435 [*]	3		
RPTM 456 [*]	3		
		19	12

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Within the 30 credits of required General Education Domain courses, students must take 6 credits of **Integrative Studies courses** (Inter-domain or Linked courses). If you need additional clarification, consult with your academic adviser.