

PARK MANAGEMENT - MINOR

College of Sciences and Humanities
 Department of Geography
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PARK 41916	PARK PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		12

About This Program

The Park Management minor prepares students for careers in natural parks and other natural protected areas. Emphasis is on sustainable management of parks and other protected environments for human enjoyment, environmental education and ecological diversity. The program provides students with knowledge, skills and abilities through coursework and hands-on, field-based experiences.

This Park Management minor relates to a variety of public agencies and non-profit organizations such as the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, state and local park agencies, the Nature Conservancy, as well as private outfitters, guiding services, residential camps, Outward Bound and National Outdoor Leadership School.

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare this minor, students must have attempted a minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State and earned a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State GPA. Students who have not attempted 12 credit hours at Kent State will be evaluated for admission based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Transfer students who have not attempted 12 credit hours of college-level coursework at Kent State and/or other institutions will be evaluated based on both their high school GPA and college GPA.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
PARK 21916	INTRODUCTION TO PARKS AND PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT	3
PARK 36082	INTERPRETATION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES	3
PARK 36083	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION	3

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.250	2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Identify the public, private and non-profit providers of park and related employment opportunities at the local, state and national level.
2. Demonstrate understanding of common park management techniques and processes and recognize their application in a diversity of real-world park settings, locally, nationally and globally.
3. Define environmental education and develop learning outcomes appropriate for environmental education.
4. Create and plan fun, science-based environmental education programs.
5. Define interpretation as understood by the National Association for Interpretation.
6. Develop interpretation materials and programs suitable for parks, protected areas, zoos, natural history museums, and other settings where interpretation occurs.