

Chicago State University
Department of Secondary Education, Professional Studies and Recreation
Recreation Major
Fact Sheet

- Chicago State University Recreation Program is accredited by the National Recreation and Parks Association/Council on Accreditation Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (NRPA/COAPRT). It is one of 100 schools to have earned this accreditation.

- **Why Choose Chicago State University?**
 - Chicago State University's undergraduate Recreation Program provides students with a comprehensive, high quality, yet affordable course of study relating to General Recreation, Recreation Management, Sport Studies, and Therapeutic Recreation. In addition to the opportunity for inter-action with a very talented "student-centered" faculty, students are afforded numerous opportunities for professional development. Students are encouraged to participate in state and national conferences with other recreation professionals, take field trips to appropriate recreation facilities, participate in the Physical Education and Recreation Club (**PERC**) and engage in fieldwork at a variety of agencies.

Mission

The Recreation Program at Chicago State University serves an urban community traditionally underrepresented in parks, recreation, and the leisure profession. The Recreation Program provides quality undergraduate education and partners with a wide variety of recreation and leisure providers within the Chicago Metropolitan Area. The faculty provides knowledge, training, and supportive research to the profession to further the development of leisure and recreation opportunities in the community.

- **Individuals majoring in recreation choose an emphasis in one of the following areas:**
 - **General Recreation** [focus on programming, direct leadership, and supervision in a variety of public, non-profit, and commercial settings offering recreation programming],
 - **Recreation Management** [focus on supervision and administration in a variety of public, non-profit, and commercial settings offering recreation programming],
 - **Sport Studies** [Three Tracts: Fitness Management, Coaching, and Sport Management. The focus of these three is on direct leadership, supervision, indirect services (e.g., marketing), programming, and administration in settings offering sports and fitness programming], and
 - **Therapeutic Recreation** [focus on direct leadership, supervision, advocacy, administration in a variety of settings providing services to enable individuals with disabilities, illnesses, and special needs who need assistance in developing skills for and experiencing leisure]
 - **The Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Certification Program.** The program is designed to enable individuals to attain certification (CTRS) by the National Council on Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC). A major advantage of this program is that courses completed in this certificate may be applied towards a master degree. This certification is required to be employed by Special Recreation Associations and Park.

- Courses include classroom and experiential learning. All students take core courses in major and then other courses based on area of emphasis (see course listing).

- Individuals who graduate from CSU with a major in recreation are eligible to sit for the Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) exam immediately following graduation. Individuals who graduate from CSU with a major in recreation and an emphasis in therapeutic recreation are eligible to apply to take the exam for becoming a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS).

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