



RECREATION, PARKS, AND TOURISM RESOURCES

Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Students in the Davis College are offered fields of study that complement a wide variety of careers. Programs are constantly being updated to reflect industry trends, and student initiative is strongly encouraged. Advising is conducted by faculty members, promoting mentorship. Many current students and alumni comment on the small-school feel of the Davis College, citing the individual attention from faculty, substantial extracurricular opportunities, and hands-on learning that enhance our academic experience.

The Davis College has 22 undergraduate major fields of study and a growing number of minors in the academic divisions of animal and nutritional sciences, design and merchandising, forestry and natural resources, plant and soil sciences, and resource management. Our programs allow for considerable flexibility, as several offer individual academic tracks depending on student interests and goals.

Instructional facilities and unique settings offer varied learning opportunities for students. The majority of classrooms, laboratories, design studios and offices are located on WVU's Evansdale Campus. The College also maintains eight farms, a campus greenhouse, and more than 8,000 acres of forest land for teaching and research. Hands-on experiences, service learning, undergraduate research and study abroad are strongly encouraged for students in every program.

Accredited by the National Recreation and Parks Association, the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources Program is a recognized international leader in training future managers of recreation resources like parks, public forests, resorts, adventure education programs, and recreation businesses. This is a natural resource management-oriented curriculum focused on the social, economic, and ecological dimensions of managing natural resources. Outdoor recreation courses provide insight into planning and managing natural resources for recreation users, tourists, and visitors.

Program Admission and Curriculum

Students who meet University admission requirements may be accepted directly into the Davis College as Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources majors. To earn a bachelor's degree, students must complete 128 credit hours, including the General Education Curriculum required by the University.

The required core of natural resources-based recreation and tourism management courses is complemented by forestry and natural resource management courses. Students are encouraged to develop areas of emphasis in specialties such as communications, entrepreneurship, and sustainable tourism through careful selection of their electives.

Core courses within the major include, but are not limited to, recreation resource management, environmental and cultural interpretation, planning and design of recreation places, human dimensions of natural resource management, and sustainable tourism development. Complete course requirements and descriptions can be found in the current *WVU Undergraduate Catalog*.

The program is capped with a professional internship usually during the summer following the junior year. Students will spend no less than eight weeks with a recreation, parks, or tourism agency.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates from the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources Program are typically employed by city, state, and national parks, tourism and natural resources agencies, and a wide range of nonprofit and business organizations. Average entry-level salaries range from \$30,000 to \$40,000.



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Majors in the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Agribusiness Management & Rural Development:	B
Agricultural & Extension Education:	B, M
Agricultural & Resource Economics:	M
Agriculture, Forestry, & Consumer Sciences:	M
Agroecology:	B
Agronomy:	B, M
Animal & Food Science:	D
Animal & Nutritional Sciences:	B, M
Applied & Environmental Microbiology:	B
Biochemistry:	B
Design Studies:	B
Entomology:	M
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics:	B
Environmental Microbiology:	M
Environmental Protection:	B
Family & Consumer Sciences:	M
Fashion Design & Merchandising:	B
Forest Resources Management:	B
Forest Resources Science:	D
Forestry:	M
Genetics & Developmental Biology:	M, D
Horticulture:	B, M
Human and Community Development:	D
Human Nutrition & Foods:	B
Interior Design:	B
Landscape Architecture:	B
Multidisciplinary Studies:	B
Natural Resource Economics:	D
Plant & Soil Sciences:	D
Plant Pathology:	M
Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Resources:	B, M
Reproductive Physiology:	M, D
Resource Management:	D
Soil Science:	B
Wildlife & Fisheries Resources:	B, M
Wood Science & Technology:	B

B = Bachelor's; M = Master's; D = Doctorate

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