



# Explore the Grand Canyon for credit!



**“The only true measure of one’s life is how many other lives you have touched.”**

Charles Hammersley, PhD,  
Parks and Recreation Management assistant chair

If you think a week-long backpack trip is a good way to learn about the outdoors, you’re right! That’s why our program in Parks and Recreation Management emphasizes real-life challenges under the open sky. Experiential learning and classroom instruction will prepare you for a career that encourages healthy lifestyles and enjoyment of the outdoors.

You’ll learn the necessary skills to manage parks, nature reserves, and other enduring public land resources; plan organized leisure service programs; and lead outdoor adventures like wilderness hikes and bicycle tours. The university’s location is perfect for studying parks and recreation—six National Forests and a dozen units of the National Park Service system are within a half-day’s drive of campus. The San Francisco Peaks, reaching 12,633 feet, are at your doorstep. Our program features small class sizes, plenty of field experience, and is accredited by the National Recreation and Park Association.

## Career Opportunities

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| Work in these agencies and organizations                      | Study to become a . . . |
| Bureau of Land Management                                     | Camp director/counselor |
| Municipal and state parks and recreation departments          | Cruise line director    |
| National Park Service   | Park ranger             |
| Nonprofit groups like YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts | Recreation planner      |
| Urban planning commissions                                    | Urban planner           |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service                                |                         |
| U.S. Forest Service   |                         |

## Degree Programs

### ■ Extended Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation Management

- Students can choose an emphasis in
- Community and Commercial Recreation Management
  - Interpretation
  - Outdoor Education (recreation and leadership tracks)
  - Outdoor Recreation Planner
  - Park Protection
  - Wildland Recreation Management

### ■ Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation Management

Individualized online degree

### ■ Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies: Parks and Recreation Management

Individualized online degree

### ■ Minor in Parks and Recreation Management

Individualized online degree

## Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

### Run the rapids

Learn the basic craft of a boatman. **Introduction to Whitewater Rafting** gives you an opportunity to develop your technique and leadership skills in whitewater rafting. Practice your strokes, learn to scout rapids, and study environmental ethics related to water-based recreation.

### Rope up and get down!

There are places you just can't go without a little back-up. Learn to set basic roped protection systems for ascending and descending canyons. With the skills you'll learn in **Basic Safety Systems** your outdoor world will expand to include places most people will never visit. Two-thirds of coursework is conducted in the field. Focus is on knots, anchors, and ascending/descending techniques.

### Protect our parks

Take advantage of the Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program (SLETP) as a credit or noncredit program. You'll get detailed instruction in the fundamentals of park law enforcement. Upon successful completion of both four hour courses, students qualify for a seasonal law enforcement certificate recognized by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and various state parks. Instructor's consent required.

## Experience the Work World

Build your résumé! The final semester of the program is devoted to pre-professional experience. You may complete this 15-week internship at a public agency, commercial enterprise, or nonprofit organization, in the United States or abroad. The Practicum in Parks and Recreation Management (3 hours) is a prerequisite for all students.

## Finish in Four

Stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees that you will have access to the courses you'll need to graduate on time when you pursue the BS in Parks and Recreation Management. You are responsible for contacting an advisor early. Visit [nau.edu/finishinfour](http://nau.edu/finishinfour).

## Participate!

### Parks and Recreation Club

Get out and recreate! Members participate in the community, encourage individuals to pursue recreation activities, and organize recreation and social outings for all interested students. There is a small membership fee, and student members must maintain a minimum GPA.

### NAU Outdoors

Learn new skills and enjoy the Flagstaff area's adventure-perfect landscape. The NAU Outdoors program features classes on kayaking, fly-fishing, rock climbing, and skiing, with low-cost outdoor equipment rental.

## Study Abroad

Explore parks and recreation in another culture! Study for a summer, semester, or academic year in universities around the globe. We work to provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. The university has cooperative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. Start your travel planning with a visit to [nau.edu/international](http://nau.edu/international).