

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RECREATION, PARKS, AND TOURISM ADMINISTRATION

The Recreation, Parks, and Tourism (RPT) Department at SF State has established a reputation for excellence since 1946. We prepare students for meaningful careers by engaging them with San Francisco Bay Area partners, educating them using high-impact practices, and empowering them to make authentic changes in themselves and their community.

The San Francisco Bay Area is an ideal location to study recreation, parks & tourism. The concentration of public, commercial, and nonprofit recreation; local, state, and national parks; and domestic and international tourism organizations in the Bay Area provide an educational laboratory to network, learn, and apply students' knowledge and skills. Graduating with a Recreation, Parks & Tourism BA is the pathway to a meaningful and rewarding career.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Communication: demonstrate professionalism through verbal, nonverbal, visual, and written communication.
2. Foundations: explain the history, philosophy, and science of recreation, parks, and tourism.
3. Information Technology: use software applications to gather, analyze, and report information.
4. Leadership: analyze intrapersonal and interpersonal leadership from an ethical, moral, and legal context.
5. Management/Administration: explain organizational structure, and apply financial and human capital principles and practices from an operational and strategic management perspective.
6. Programming: plan, implement, and evaluate programs for diverse populations in varied settings.
7. Profession/Industry: identify and explain nature and scope; standards; trends and issues; and careers within RPT.
8. Sustainability: explain and analyze economic, environmental, and sociocultural aspects of sustainability.
9. Wellness: explain the concepts, benefits, and application of wellness in the context of RPT.

Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration (B.A) – 39 units

All students must complete the core courses and program electives. All courses used in the major must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better (CR/NC option is not allowed) and a minimum grade point average of 2.0. A grade of C or better is required in RPT 600GW.

Core (30 units)

Code	Title	Units
RPT 200	Foundations of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	3
RPT 300	Leadership in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	3
RPT 325	Information Technology in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	3
Select One:		3
RPT 340	Conference, Event Planning, and Management	

RPT 358	Campus Recreation	
RPT 400	Programming Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Experiences	
RPT 350	Facilitating Wellness Through Leisure	3
RPT 500	Organization and Administration of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	3
RPT 600GW	Professionalism in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism - GVAR	3
RPT 690	Internship in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	9

Program Electives (9 units)

Choose 9 units of that best meet your professional interest and are approved by advisor. Other electives are possible with advisor approval.

Code	Title	Units
Select One:		3
RPT 390	Leisure Travel and Tourism	
RPT 520	Parks and Outdoor Recreation Resources	
Select Two:		6
RPT 205	Adventure Travel	
RPT 210	Growth Through Art and Leisure	
RPT 230	Growth Through Adventure	
RPT 280	Developmental Play Processes	
RPT 410	Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation	
RPT 440	Urban Recreation and Parks	
RPT 460	Recreation Destination Resorts	
RPT 470	Travel with Purpose	
RPT 605	Ecotourism & Sustainable Travel	
RPT/ENVS 640	Recreational Use of National Parks and Protected Areas	

Complementary Studies

Bachelor of Arts students must complete at least 12 units of Complementary Studies outside of the primary prefix for the major. (Note: Students may not use an alternate prefix that is cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major.)

Students who complete two majors or a major and a minor automatically complete the Complementary Studies requirement. Additional ways to complete Complementary Studies for students in the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration major include study abroad and 12 units of courses complementary to the major approved by a Recreation, Parks & Tourism department advisor.

Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement as defined by the major department. Students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Level	Units	Area Designation
English Composition	LD	3	1A
Critical Thinking	LD	3	1B
Oral Communication	LD	3	1C

Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	LD	3	2
Arts	LD	3	3A
Humanities	LD	3	3B
Social and Behavioral Sciences	LD	6	4
Physical Science	LD	3	5A
Biological Science	LD	3	5B
Laboratory	LD	1	5C
Ethnic Studies	LD or UD	3	6
Science or Math/ Quantitative Reasoning	UD	3	5UD or 2UD
Arts or Humanities	UD	3	3UD
Social and Behavioral Sciences	UD	3	4UD

SF State Studies

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.			
American Ethnic and Racial Minorities	LD or UD	3	AERM
Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action	LD or UD	3	ES
Global Perspectives	LD or UD	3	GP
Social Justice	LD or UD	3	SJ

Note: LD = Lower-Division; UD = Upper-Division.

First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

The roadmaps presented in this Bulletin are intended as suggested plans of study and do not replace meeting with an advisor. For a more personalized roadmap, please use the [Degree Planner \(https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/\)](https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/) tool found in your [Student Center](#).

[First-Time Student Roadmap \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/recreation-parks-tourism/ba-recreation-parks-tourism-administration/roadmap-i-ii-eng/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/recreation-parks-tourism/ba-recreation-parks-tourism-administration/roadmap-i-ii-eng/)

Transfer Student Roadmaps (2 Year)

[ADT Roadmap \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/recreation-parks-tourism/ba-recreation-parks-tourism-administration/adt-roadmap/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/recreation-parks-tourism/ba-recreation-parks-tourism-administration/adt-roadmap/)

For students with one of the following pathways:

- Business Administration 2.0 (AS-T)
- Child & Adolescent Development (AA-T)

- Communication Studies (AA-T)
- Environmental Science (AS-T)
- Geography (AA-T)
- Hospitality Management (AS-T)
- Kinesiology (AS-T)
- Public Health (AS-T)

General Advising Information for Transfer Students

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
 - a course in U.S. History
 - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit <http://www.assist.org> (<http://assist.org>). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes, options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division General Education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements.

Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet GE Areas 1A/A2, 1B/A3, 1C/A1, and 2/B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State's lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (1B/A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the 1B/A3 requirement, please visit bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL.

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.