

**Natural Resources 281**  
**Introduction to Recreation and Parks**  
**Course Syllabus, Fall 2021**

**Course instructor**

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Please call or email for an appointment  
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Zoom room: <https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/j/94570136924?pwd=YlFjc1JqMHRRaUVUbVcwQWF3b0pDdz09>

**Course information**

Lecture meets from 9-9:50am, Tuesdays, TNR 359  
Discussion section meets from 8-9:50am, Thursdays, TNR 359  
Required field trip September 17-19, 2021, to Treehaven

**Course description**

Introduction to recreation theory and practice. Techniques for developing, leading, and assessing natural resource-based recreation programs for participants of different ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

**Instructional methods**

This class is taught using a variety of instructional methods including discussions, group presentations, field trips, and guest speakers.

**Course goals**

The goals for this course are for students to

- Understand foundations of recreation and leisure
- Realize the importance of and demonstrate improved interpersonal skills
- Understand and value the varied forms, audiences, and settings for recreation

**Learning outcomes**

*Students will be able to/can...*

- Evaluate the benefits of recreation and parks
- Explain the historical origins and theoretical underpinnings of recreation and leisure
- Apply effective communication and facilitation skills
- Justify the role of recreation in everyday life
- Evaluate recreational opportunities and the availability to all audiences

**Learning assessments**

Participation and professional development	10 points
Reading responses	10 points
Interviews and reflection – benefits of recreation and parks	20 points
Field trip participation and reflection	20 points
Facilitate and review a team building experience or recreational activity	15 points
Case study review	20 points
Final exam	5 points
Total	100 points

Unless indicated differently, all submissions should be typed and posted in Canvas by 11:59pm on the identified date. Professionally presented papers are clear and cohesive, have been checked for spelling and grammatical errors, are double-spaced, and are submitted by the deadline to earn full credit.

### Grading scale

93-100% = A    87-89% = B+    80-82% = B-    73-76% = C    67-69% = D+    < 63% = F  
90-92% = A-    83-86% = B    77-79% = C+    70-72% = C-    63-66% = D

### Course policies

You are expected to attend all class meetings. Active participation in discussions and activities will enhance your own learning experience and that of your classmates. You should arrive on time, mentally and physically prepared to learn, having completed all readings and assignments. Texting, emailing, and engaging in other distracting behaviors during class is not allowed. If you need to miss a class for any reason, please email the instructor ahead of time and, if possible, provide appropriate documentation upon returning to class. Excessive unexcused absences will negatively affect your final grade.

### COVID-19 related expectations

Face Coverings:

- At all UW-Stevens Point campus locations, the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in all buildings, including classrooms, laboratories, studios, and other instructional spaces. Any student with a condition that impacts their use of a face covering should contact the Disability and Assistive Technology Center to discuss accommodations in classes. Please note that unless everyone is wearing a face covering, in-person classes cannot take place. This is university policy and not up to the discretion of individual instructors. Failure to adhere to this requirement could result in formal withdrawal from the course.

Other Guidance:

- Please monitor your own health each day using this screening tool. If you are not feeling well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, do not come to class; email your instructor and contact Student Health Service (715-346-4646).
  - As with any type of absence, students are expected to communicate their need to be absent and complete the course requirements as outlined in the syllabus.
- Maintain a minimum of 6 feet of physical distance from others whenever possible.
- Do not congregate in groups before or after class; stagger your arrival and departure from the classroom, lab, or meeting room.
- Wash your hands or use appropriate hand sanitizer regularly and avoid touching your face.
- Please maintain these same healthy practices outside the classroom.

### Care Team

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is committed to the safety and success of all students. The Office of the Dean of Students supports the campus community by reaching out and providing resources in areas where a student may be struggling or experiencing barriers to their success. Faculty and staff are asked to be proactive, supportive, and involved in facilitating the success of our students through early detection, reporting, and intervention. As your instructor, I may contact the Office of the Dean of Students if I sense you are in need of additional support which individually I may not be able to provide. You may also share a concern if you or another member of our campus community needs support, is distressed, or exhibits concerning behavior that is interfering with the academic or personal success or the safety of others, by reporting here: <https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Anonymous-Report.aspx>.

## **Title IX**

UW-Stevens Point is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. Title IX and institutional policy prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, which includes harassment, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In the event that you choose to disclose information about having survived sexual violence, including harassment, rape, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, and specify that this violence occurred while a student at UWSP, federal and state laws mandate that I, as your instructor, notify the Title IX Coordinator/Office of the Dean of Students.

Please see the information on the Dean of Students webpage for information on making confidential reports of misconduct or interpersonal violence, as well as campus and community resources available to students. Dean of Students: <https://www.uwsp.edu/DOS/sexualassault> Title IX page: <https://www.uwsp.edu/hr/Pages/Affirmative%20Action/Title-IX.aspx>

## **Disability and Accommodations**

In accordance with [federal law and UW System policies](#), UWSP strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you need accommodations for a disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please visit with the [Disability and Assistive Technology Center](#) to determine reasonable accommodations and notify faculty. After notification, please discuss your accommodations with me so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. **DATC contact info:** datctr@uwsp.edu; 715/346-3365; 609 Albertson Hall, 900 Reserve Street

## **FERPA**

The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA) provides students with a right to protect, review, and correct their student records. Staff of the university with a clear *educational need to know* may also have to access to certain student records. Exceptions to the law include parental notification in cases of alcohol or drug use, and in case of a health or safety concern. FERPA also permits a school to disclose personally identifiable information from a student's education records, without consent, to another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

## **Academic Integrity**

Academic Integrity is an expectation of each UW-Stevens Point student. Campus community members are responsible for fostering and upholding an environment in which student learning is fair, just, and honest. Through your studies as a student, it is essential to exhibit the highest level of personal honesty and respect for the intellectual property of others. Academic misconduct is unacceptable. It compromises and disrespects the integrity of our university and those who study here. To maintain academic integrity, a student must only claim work which is the authentic work solely of their own, providing correct citations and credit to others as needed. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, and/or helping others commit these acts are examples of academic misconduct, which can result in disciplinary action. Failure to understand what constitutes academic misconduct does not exempt responsibility from engaging in it. For more information on UWS chapter 14 visit: <https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Student-Conduct.aspx>

## **Reporting Incidents of Bias/Hate**

It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that the students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength and benefit. It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally, or for other students or student groups.

If you have experienced a bias incident (an act of conduct, speech, or expression to which a bias motive is evident as a contributing factor regardless of whether the act is criminal) at UWSP, you have the right to report it: <https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Anonymous-Report.aspx>.

You may also contact the Office of the Dean of Students directly at [dos@uwsp.edu](mailto:dos@uwsp.edu). Diversity and College Access is available for resources and support of all students: <https://www.uwsp.edu/dca/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **Clery Act**

The US Department of Education requires universities to disclose and publish campus crime statistics, security information, and fire safety information annually. Statistics for the three previous calendar years and policy statements are released on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> in our [Annual Security Report](#). Another requirement of the Clery Act is that the campus community must be given timely warnings of ongoing safety threats and immediate/emergency notifications. For more information about when and how these notices will be sent out, please see our [Jeanne Clery Act](#) page.

The **Drug Free Schools and Communities Act** (DFSCA) requires institutions of higher education to establish policies that address unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs. The DFSCA also requires the establishment of a drug and alcohol prevention program. The Center for Prevention lists information about alcohol and drugs, their effects, and the legal consequences if found in possession of these substances. [Center for Prevention – DFSCA](#)

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