Social Work and Recreation Management and Policy

Dual-degree Social Work and Recreation Management and Policy (RMP) students take classes simultaneously over the course of two-and-half years in both Social Work and RMP and complete a minimum of 80-83 credits for graduation. This includes two internships, one during their first year of study, and a second specialized block placement internship over the summer following the second year of study, which concentrates on the utilization and application of adventure therapy in an agency setting. This block placement internship may occur in New England or in other appropriate settings across the U.S. Students should be prepared to travel to their internships if needed. Students are also required to complete a project focusing on a topic of their choice and supervised by faculty in RMP and Social Work.

Admission Requirements

Dual Degree applicants in Social Work and RMP must meet the requirements for admission in the MSW program and the MS in RMP-Recreation Administration. Applicants should check each program for their independent requirements which may be different; however, it is important to note that Dual Degree students are required for admission to have a minimum of 2 years of experience (post undergraduate) in the field of outdoor education, outdoor recreation, adventure education, and/or therapeutic recreation with evidence of considerable leadership time with individual and/or groups in outdoor settings, preferably with therapeutic populations. Applicants do not need to apply separately to each program but are instructed to apply online via the graduate school for the "MSW and MS-RMP Dual Degree" option. Applicants only need to provide one well-constructed double-spaced essay of 3-pages maximum (APA format). Please respond to the following questions:

1. Why are you seeking to earn an MS in the SW/RMP Dual Degree program?
2. How does your previous academic background or work experience contribute to the SW/RMP Dual Degree program as a graduate student? Please note specific personal, academic, organizational, volunteer, and/or paid work experiences.
3. What are your future career goals? What do you plan to do after completing the SW/RMP Dual Degree program? How will the SW/RMP Dual Degree help you obtain your career goals?
4. Briefly discuss a current social justice issue that impacts your desired professional goals. How will the SW/RMP Dual Degree enhance your abilities to affect change amongst clients whom you will serve?

Minimum GPA Required: 3.0
No GREs required for admission.

For additional information regarding the Social Work/RMP Dual Degree admission requirements, contact Dr. Anita Tucker in Social Work or Dr. Michael Ferguson in RMP.

Title Required Courses Credits
SW 820 Social Welfare Policy I 3
SW 824 Positive Youth Development Through Sport Social Work and Recreation 3
or RMP 868 Theories and Philosophies of Youth Development
SW 830 Social Work Practice I 3
SW 831 Social Work Practice II: Practice in Small Groups and Community Organizations 3
SW 840 Implications of Race, Culture, and Oppression for Social Work Practice 3
SW 850 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (HBSE I) 3
SW 851 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (HBSE II) 3
SW 865 Adventure Therapy: Facilitation and Processing of the Experience 3
SW 880 Internship I (seminar and concurrent two/day/week internship/academic year) 3
SW 881 Internship II 3
SW 906 Social Welfare Policy II 3
SW 910 Advanced General Practice III: Clinical Assessment and Intervention 3
SW 931 Advanced General Practice IV: Community and Administrative Practice 3
SW 952 Human Behavior and the Social Environment III 3
SW 962 Data Analysis and Statistics 3
SW 982 Internship III 4
SW 983 Internship IV 4
SW 897 Special Topics in Social Work and Social Welfare (Advanced Topics in Social Work) or RMP 899 Master's Thesis 3

Special Topics
RMP 800 Concepts of Recreation and Leisure 3
RMP 806 Recreation Administration and Organizational Behavior 3
RMP 820 Adaptive Sport Facilitation for Recreation Therapy and Related Professions 3
RMP 876 Human Dimensions of Natural Environments 3
RMP 912 Non-Profit Administration and Leadership 3
RMP 992 Research Methods in Recreation Management and Policy 3

Total Credits 80

Student Learning Outcomes

Social Work (M.S.W.) Student Learning Outcomes:

- Student demonstrates ethical and professional behavior.
- Student engages diversity and difference in practice.
- Student advances human rights and social, economic and environmental justice.
- Engage in practice informed research and research-informed practice.
• Engages in policy practice.
• Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
• Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
• Intervenes with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
• Evaluates practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

RMP - Recreation Administration (M.S.) Student Learning Outcomes:
• Demonstrates mastery of major theories, approaches, concepts, and both current and classical theoretical findings within their selected field of study.
• Compiles and critiques current peer-reviewed research, practice of industry standards, and theoretical foundations to produce a paper or project of publishable quality that enhances existing knowledge or creates new knowledge in a specific area within the option.
• Demonstrates proficiency and mastery of specific skills within the profession, which is grounded in evidence-based practice.
• Displays professionally appropriate behaviors, ethical standards, sensitivity, compassion, tolerance of individual differences, and demonstrates the ability to work in a diverse and interprofessional work environment.