

Oklahoma State University
College of Education, Health, & Aviation
School of Kinesiology, Applied Health, & Recreation
M.S. in Leisure Studies

All students who are accepted into the Master of Science degree program in Leisure Studies will be expected to meet all university requirements and to have had a degree in Recreation Therapy, Recreation Management, or related field. Applicants from “outside” this area of study may be required to complete leveling courses equivalent to the knowledge and competencies expected in a CARTE and/or COAPRT accredited undergraduate programs.

Based on professional and academic background, students who need leveling courses may be required to take coursework from the following list, or as identified by the admissions committee:

RMRT 2413	Introduction to Leisure Services
RMRT 2433	Introduction to Recreational Therapy
RMTR 3463	Program Design in Leisure Services
RMTR 4433	Evaluation in Leisure Services
RMTR 4493	Administration of Leisure Services
Internship*	A professional field experience of 14/15 weeks, full time
* May be taken for graduate credit	

Requirements for Full Admission

1. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale for unqualified admission.
2. Three professional recommendations. These letters of recommendation should include one from an employer and two from undergraduate faculty members familiar with the applicant’s academic preparation. These letters should include statements relating to a) the applicant’s previous success in professional settings or commitment to the profession, b) the applicant’s prior academic record as a reflection of ability to succeed in a Master of Science program, c) the applicant’s ability to work independently and communicate effectively, and d) the applicant’s potential for success in research, writing, and course work at the Master of Science level. If such recommendations are not available, the applicant should submit letters from one or more faculty members familiar with the applicant’s academic career. All recommendations should be from individuals capable of addressing the applicant’s ability to complete successfully a Master of Science program.
3. Please submit a letter of interest in the graduate program along with a copy of your resume highlighting your experiences related to parks, recreation, leisure services, or a related field.
4. During the review of application materials, faculty members in Leisure Studies may volunteer to serve as temporary advisor for those applicants to be admitted. A faculty mentor is needed for final admission to the program.

If the admissions committee determines that additional information is needed or if a candidate is deficient in one of the numerical requirements above, the committee may request the following of the candidate before a final decision is rendered regarding admission status:

1. A faculty-supervised, on-campus or proctored writing exercise will be administered. The candidate will be provided with a scholarly article two weeks prior to the writing exercise. The candidate will be given two hours to develop a written response to a question related to the article.

2. The candidate may be asked to participate in an on-campus interview with members of the admissions committee.

3. Degree Details

Total number of hours required for degree	36 graduate credit hours
Number of hours of research and inquiry	6
Number of hours of core courses	12
Number of cognate hours	12
Number of thesis hours	(6)
Number of electives (if creative component is the culminating experience)	(6)

NOTE: Students admitted for fall 2011 or beyond are ALL required to complete comprehensive examinations.

The Master of Science in Leisure Studies is built on a minimum of six (6) hours in research and inquiry prior to the thesis or creative component enrollment. The six-hour requirement in research design and statistics is designed to build upon competencies gained at the undergraduate level and prepare the student to be a “consumer” of research in the discipline. In addition, all students in the program share a common core designed to achieve the goals established for the degree program.

Research and Inquiry: (6 credit hours)

REMS 5953	Statistical Methods in Education <and>
REMS 5013	Research Design and Methodology

Core: (12 credit hours)

LEIS 5023	Legal Aspects of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure (Spring)
LEIS 5413	Organization and Administration of Leisure Services (Spring)
LEIS 5433	Current Issues in Leisure Services (Spring)
LEIS 5443	Social Foundations of Leisure (Fall)

Cognate: (12 credit hours)

Students select 12 credit hours from among courses offered at Oklahoma State University, which may include the following RMRT and LEIS courses, to form a cognate appropriate to the student’s goals. Such course selection must be approved by the advisory committee and be included on the plan of study.

RMRT 4453 (G)	Outdoor Education (Fall)
RMRT 4463(G)	Areas and Facilities in Leisure Services (Fall)
RMRT 4473(G)	Recreation in the Natural Environment (Spring, odd years)
RMRT 4493 (G)	Advanced Methods in Therapeutic Recreation (Spring)
RMRT 4553(G)	Tourism in Recreation Settings (Spring, even years)
RMRT 4563(G)	Entrepreneurial Leisure Services (Spring)
RMRT 4943(G)	Grant Writing and Nonprofit Management (Fall)
LEIS 5030	Field Problems in Leisure Services
LEIS 5403	Interpretive Services in Leisure Services (Fall, even years)
LEIS 5423	Supervision and Leadership in Leisure Services
LEIS 5073	Recreational Therapy and Geriatrics
LEIS 5483	Recreational Therapy for Persons with Physical Disabilities
LEIS 5493	Recreational Therapy for Persons in Mental Health and Developmental Dis.

And other courses as approved by the student’s graduate committee.

NOTE: Students who select the Creative Component option (also called the Professional Component) will select an additional 6 hours of coursework, which may be taken from the suggested courses in this section or other graduate courses at OSU as approved by the advisory committee.

Persons wishing to become candidates for the MS degree in Leisure Studies should first complete an online Graduate College application, remit the application fee, and send one official transcript of all post-baccalaureate coursework completed to:

Dean of Graduate College
202 Whitehurst Hall
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK 74078
405-744-6683
Apply online at: <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu>

To aid in processing your admission materials, please send copies of all materials (e.g., test scores, letter of interest, resume, letters of recommendation, and any other supporting materials) (except the Graduate College application form) to the individual identified below. In addition, if you are interested in visiting with a faculty member in the Leisure Studies program about programmatic details or in scheduling an on-campus visit, please feel free to contact:

Dr. Tim Passmore
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Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK 74078
405-744-1811
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Information about the Oklahoma State University Leisure Studies program may be found at:

<https://education.okstate.edu/grad.html>

MS in Environmental Science

In addition to an MS in Leisure Studies, students may be interested in an interdisciplinary degree (MS and PhD) in Environmental Science. The Leisure Studies faculty are affiliated with this degree program and serve as student advisors. The Environmental Science program prepares students to enter into such fields as environmental management, environmental education, water quality, environmental policy, environmental conflict, and environmental sustainability.

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