

LEISURE STUDIES- LEISURE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

COMMON CAREER PATH

The Leisure Services Management option prepares graduates to work with both adults and children in a wide variety of settings including public park and recreation agencies, military recreation programs, nonprofit organizations, golf and tennis clubs, theme parks, resorts, fitness centers, youth camps, church-related organizations, scouting programs, and family organizations such as the YMCA.

FRESHMAN YEAR

Career Development Activity Options

- Access your HIRE System account and update your profile
- Identify and join student organizations
- Explore OSU and the Stillwater community through part-time work, volunteering and participating in events
- Research your desired career: find out the growth rate, expected salary range, possible locations, etc.
- Develop a career plan
- Become familiar with and explore the resources and services available to you for self-discovery
- Visit the Career Services office in 102 Willard Hall

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Career Development Activity Options

- LEIS 2413- Intro to Leisure Services
- Search the HIRE System for internships
- Meet with a Career Consultant to develop and/or update resume
- Identify faculty, advisors, peers, administrators and staff that you can add to your professional network
- Continue to develop and enhance skills by seeking leadership positions in organizations, the classroom, work or other activities you are involved in
- Make revisions to your career plan as necessary
- Make contact with employers by attending information sessions, club speakers/panels and alumni events. Visit organizations of interest to you
- Continue to assess your interests, values, skills and abilities

JUNIOR YEAR

Career Development Activity Options

- LEIS 3431- Practicum I
- Have your resume critiqued by a career consultant
- Research specific employers you are interested in working for
- Attend professional meets and conferences
- Continue to build your network of faculty and professional contacts
- Participate in a mock interview
- Attend a career fair
- Begin graduate/professional/medical school applications

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SENIOR YEAR

Career Development Activity Options

- LEIS 3432- Practicum II (fall)
- LEIS 4480- Internship (spring)
- Develop targeted resume and cover letter
- Update your HIRE System account
- Fine tune career plan and decide how you will transition from school
- Attend a career fair or networking event related to your career goal
- Purchase an interview suit (if you haven't already!)
- Apply to positions of interest
- Upon graduation, report your HIRE status at www.hireosugrads.com

ALSO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

Career Development Activity Options

- Join Leisure Majors Club
- Obtain CPR/First Aid Certification
- Attend Summer Camp Fair held during the spring semester