COURSE SYLLABUS
Southeast Missouri State University

Department of: Health, Human Performance and Recreation  
Course No: RC 311
Title of Course: Parks & Outdoor Resource Management  
New: Spring 2008

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I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours:
Understanding the philosophy and principles underlying the growth and development of parks and outdoor resource management in terms of historical values and environmental issues. (3 credit hours)

II. Prerequisites: Jr. Standing

III. Course Objectives:
Through participation in this class, the student will be able to…
A. Recognize the interrelationship between leisure behavior and the natural environment.
B. Develop an understanding of and ability to use diverse community, institutional, natural, and human service resources to promote and enhance the leisure experience.
C. Demonstrate the principles and procedures for planning leisure services, resources, areas and facilities.
D. Develop the ability to implement principles and procedures related to operation and care of resources, areas and facilities.

IV. Expectations of Students:
A. Students will participate in all class meetings and are expected to have completed pertinent assignments prior to class meetings
B. Students will be expected to fully participate in experiential laboratory and out-of-class experiences as described by the course outline at the beginning of the semester.
C. Students will achieve satisfactory grades on tests, reports, journals, class activities, and other assignments.

V. Course Content: Hours
A. History of parks and outdoor resource management. 6
   1. Major people and their contributions.
B. Environmental and historical interpretation as an educational tool within the parks system. 6
C. The importance of ecological concepts as related to resource management 6
D. Roles and problems of some of the following federal agencies: 9
   1. National Park Service
   2. National Forest Service
   3. Bureau of Land Management
   4. Army Corps of Engineers
   5. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
6. Bureau of Reclamation
E. The mission and management of:
   1. National Wilderness Preservation System
   2. Wild and Scenic Rivers System
   3. National Trails System
   4. Land and Water Conservation Fund
F. Mission and role of the following State of Missouri agencies:
   1. MO Dept. of Conservation
   2. MO Dept. of Natural Resource
G. Trends and Issues in Parks and Outdoor Resource Management
   1. Common user conflicts in outdoor recreation
   2. Issues of ethnicity, gender, age and disability

Total Hours: 45

VI. Textbook:

VII. Student Evaluation
A. Oral Reports and Presentations 40%
B. Papers 30%
C. Quizzes and Exams 20%
D. Participation in class discussion and learning activities 10%

100%