The Recreation program at Northwest Missouri State University offers a completely online Master’s Degree in Recreation that provides an in-depth understanding of the fast moving, increasingly complex challenges in the world of recreation.

Students will make full use of interactive, online learning activities designed to challenge and inspire growth. Students “come” to “class” at times when they are ready to learn — not at a specific time in the evening after working all day.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
1. Make application to the Graduate School
2. A minimum GPA of 2.75 on the undergraduate transcript.
3. A minimum combined score of 280 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
   a. *GRE can be waived with 2 years of your documented work experience in a faculty approved recreation setting
4. Minimum score of 3.5 on the GRE Writing Assessment or taking of 1 credit hour Online Research Report Writing class in first semester.

EXIT REQUIREMENTS
1. If no prior related field experience – Must complete an approved internship.
2. Complete a Degree Audit
3. Pass comprehensive exam taken in final semester.
5. Presentation of Thesis research to your research committee.

INTEREST AREA COURSES (9 credit hours)
• Recreation Resources Management
• Therapeutic Recreation
• Elective hours (6 credits)
*Working professionals can apply their ongoing professional activity toward completion of 3 credit hours of independent study and 3 hours of internship

REQUIRED CORE COURSES
• Historical and Philosophical Concepts of Parks and Recreation (3) REC 630
• Trends and Issues in Rec/Leisure (3) REC 635
• Human Resources/Ethics (3) REC 648
• Research Methods (3) REC636
• Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis (3) PE 665
• Thesis Hours (3) REC 699

Total Program Hours: 33

DEADLINES
• Fall Admission – August 1
• Spring Admission – December 1
• Summer Admission – April 1

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Graduate School: http://www.nwmissouri.edu/Graduate/index.htm
Recreation Department Faculty: https://www.nwmissouri.edu/health/directory/