



## Don't Fence Me In... Parks and Recreation Degree may be for you!

How do you know if a career in Parks and Recreation might be the right choice for you? Well, take the following test: Do you enjoy being in the outdoors? Do you enjoy sharing your love of the outdoors with others? Do you have a personal belief that we need to preserve and protect our natural resources, and concurrently support the thrill of outdoor pursuits? Do you enjoy variety in your life? Do unusual experiences appeal to you? Do you look forward to a work day that will challenge you physically as well as intellectually? How many times did you answer YES to the questions listed above?

Lake Superior State University has a strong, successful history of preparing students for careers in Parks and Recreation. Graduates of our program are currently working all over the country, from Alaska to Hawaii, from New Hampshire to Louisiana. We have alumni working for all of the major federal land management agencies. These agencies include the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fisheries and Wildlife Service, as well as the United States Geological Survey. Our alumni have accepted positions

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with many state park agencies throughout the country. They have been particularly successful obtaining positions with the state parks right here in Michigan.

We have a strong, successful alumni base of support. These former students have become an excellent network for keeping us informed, and even providing jobs for current students and recent graduates. Our alumni have successfully been promoted into management positions in a variety of national, state, and municipal settings. They have gone on to earn National Awards and recognition for their work in Interpretation.

Among the strengths of this program is the strong applied component. You will spend time learning the theoretical components, and then you will spend time using the outdoors as your laboratory. You will complete courses which will enable you to earn an Associate Degree in Natural Resource Technology concurrently with your Baccalaureate Degree in Parks and Recreation.

Many exciting career opportunities await those who obtain a Parks and Recreation degree from LSSU. Some examples of positions our alumni currently hold are: Wildlands firefighter (ID); Interpretive Manager DNR (MI); Park Ranger-Olympia National Park (WA); Back country Ranger-Glacier Bay (AK); Assistant Park Mgr.-Utah Lake State Park (UT); Interpreter-Death Valley National Park (CA).



## COUNSELOR'S

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Fall has arrived and I can see winter flakes as November swings into gear. The election is here and so are the preparations for spring scheduling. Each student will need to meet with his or her advisor before scheduling on-line. Most students have a hold placed on registration that must be removed by their advisor.

Consultation with a university advisor is very important for every student. If you are already enrolled at LSSU, you can find your assigned advisor through Web for Students. If you are considering enrolling at LSSU, you will be assigned an advisor according to the major of your choice. Your advisor is the individual representing the university to insure that you are following the correct course of study. An advisor is the person that can answer questions and help you find the right path. Students need to seek out this person early in their academic career and use this resource for a successful transition from high school to university, as well as access to important information about their chosen degree program. If in doubt seek your advisor out!

If confusion about course selection becomes apparent, examine your transcript. Have you completed all general education requirements? Are you undecided about a choice of major? Are you thinking of changing your major but don't know where to begin? These are all questions that we can help to answer in our Career Services Office. Stop by and see how we can help with the selection of your classes. We cater to students who are undecided and can help in that major choice of course selection.

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