

# Master of Arts Degree Program

## Major in Leisure, Youth and Human Services

This major is designed to foster preparation for professional leadership roles in the administration of leisure, youth and human services agencies. The program offers the student the opportunity to take an active role in determining personal learning objectives and developing individual programs of study. The program supports professional development through the utilization of relevant philosophy, content, and skills in order to provide management and leadership for effective and efficient delivery of leisure, youth and human services. Students are encouraged to focus on study that has direct relevance to professional practice. Students can design programs of study for work in campus recreation, nonprofit settings, community recreation, tourism organizations, sports administration, and outdoor resource management.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Division of Leisure, Youth and Human Services (within the School of Kinesiology, Allied Health and Human Services) for other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at [www.grad.uni.edu/admission](http://www.grad.uni.edu/admission). The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) is not required for admission to the program.

**Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.**

This major is available on the **thesis** and **non-thesis** options. A **minimum of 36 semester hours** is required for the **thesis** option, and a **minimum of 33 semester hours** is required for the **non-thesis** option. Up to an additional 12 hours of undergraduate work may be required for students who do not have undergraduate preparation in the area. **The thesis option requires a minimum of 15 hours of 200/6000-level course work, including 6 hours of [LYHS 6299 \(430:299\) Research](#) . The non-thesis option requires a minimum of 12 hours of 200/6000-level course work, including 3 hours of [LYHS 6299 \(430:299\) Research](#) .** Successful completion of a final comprehensive examination (research paper/thesis) is required for **both the thesis and non-thesis options**. A final oral comprehensive examination will occur simultaneously during the oral defense of the research paper or thesis.

Required:

Minimum of one research course from the following:	3
Kinesiology, Allied Health and Human Services, Interdepartmental:	
<a href="#">HPELS 6215 (440:215)</a>	Qualitative Methods
<a href="#">HPELS 6290 (440:290)</a>	Research Methods for Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services
Sociology:	
<a href="#">SOC 4025/5025 (980:160g)</a>	Quantitative Research
Statistical Analysis course:	3
Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services, Interdepartmental:	
<a href="#">HPELS 6210 (440:210)</a>	Quantitative Methods in HPELS
Research:	3 or 6
<a href="#">LYHS 6299 (430:299)</a>	Research
Thesis option (6 hrs.)	
Non-thesis option (3 hrs.)	
Leisure, Youth and Human Services:	6
<a href="#">LYHS 6200 (430:240)</a>	Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Leisure, Youth and Human Services

At least one of the following:

<a href="#"><u>LYHS 6201 (430:201)</u></a>	Social Policy and Issues in Leisure, Youth and Human Services	
<a href="#"><u>LYHS 6202 (430:202)</u></a>	Social Psychology of Leisure	
Select from the following of PEMES/420:xxx/5xxx/6xxx, LYHS/430:xxx/5xxx/6xxx, HPELS/440:xxx/5xxx/6xxx or other graduate level courses on campus as approved by advisor:		18
<b>Total hours thesis option</b>		<b>36</b>
<b>Total hours non-thesis option</b>		<b>33</b>