

Accelerated B.S. to M.S. Degree Program (AMP) Q&A

What is the Accelerated Master's Program in CTR?

The AMP is a unique program designed for qualified UNCG undergraduate students who are pursuing a B.S. in Recreation and Parks Management. In the AMP program, students can graduate with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree, within a 5-year period.

Not only does the student earn a M.S. degree in a shorter period, but they also save a substantial amount of money, since up to 12 credit hours of graduate-level AMP coursework will count toward their undergraduate degree.

What are the requirements for the AMP?

A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5, based on at least 30 hours earned at UNCG, is required. Applicants also must have completed at least 60 semester credits at a university.

How do I apply to the AMP?

All applicants must apply for admission to the graduate degree program through the Graduate School (https://grs.uncg.edu/).

Since at least 60 semester hours must be completed, students should apply in the first semester of their junior year.

No standardized test (GRE/MAT/TOEFL) is required.

How exactly does the AMP work?

Admitted CTR students may apply for a maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level coursework (each course carries 3 credits) from the following course list toward completion of both the undergraduate and graduate degree.

Required for both concentrations:

CTR 611: Foundations of Recreation and Parks (3)

CTR 613: Recreation and Parks Management (3)

Community Recreation Management (CRM) concentration (two of three courses are required):

CTR 615: Financing and Budgeting in Recreation and Parks (3)

CTR 644: Recreation, Parks, and Health (3)

CTR 646: Community Development (3)

Recreational Therapy (RT) concentration (two of four courses are required; CTR 634 is MS only, not AMP):

CTR 633: Professional Issues in Recreational Therapy (3)

CTR 634: Advanced Procedures in Recreational Therapy (3)

CTR 637: Advanced Interventions and Facilitation Techniques in Recreational Therapy (3)

CTR 638: Advanced Client Assessment in Recreational Therapy (3)

CTR 639: Advanced Clinical Procedures in Recreational Therapy (3)

Students should consult with their advisor to determine how the courses taken at the graduate level will meet requirements in the bachelor's degree program.

All degree requirements for the M.S. degree in Parks and Recreation Management remain the same. Several undergraduate courses within the B.S. in Recreation and Parks Management program will be substituted with graduate-level courses identified within the AMP.

How can I find out more about the AMP?

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