

Certificate in National Park Service Management

The University College, in consultation with the National Park Service, has developed a certificate program in National Park Service Management that will provide extensive opportunities for academic study, training and development, and for internship placement as preparation for a career in National Park Service (NPS) law enforcement.

The certificate program is open to students enrolled in bachelor's degree programs who are part of the ProRanger program.

Requirements

This program includes both classroom and experiential components.

Experiential Components (non-credit):

- Two summer internships
- Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program, completed after graduation from Temple.

Certificate Components (15 credits):

- PRAN 3001 Professional Preparation Seminar for the ProRanger
- PRAN 1577 Introduction to the ProRanger Program (taken during first summer internship)
- HIST 2214 History of the National Park Service
- HIST 2215 Imperiled Promise: An Introduction to Heritage Interpretation in the National Park Service
- CJ 3701 Land Management and Federal Law Enforcement
- AOD 2218 Leadership and Communication

Academic Plan

Students generally will be selected as sophomores in the fall and will begin coursework in the spring. Courses offered by some departments will be alternated in odd and even years so that students from both active cohorts will take courses together. The following academic plan applies to students who begin the program in an odd year.

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
Selected into Program		
	Term Credit Hours	0
Spring		
PRAN 3001	Professional Preparation Seminar for the ProRanger	1
HIST 2214	History of the National Park Service ¹	3
	Term Credit Hours	4
Summer		
Summer Internship #1 (not for credit)		
PRAN 1577	Introduction to the ProRanger Program	2
	Term Credit Hours	2
Year 2		
Fall		
CJ 3701	Land Management and Federal Law Enforcement ²	3
	Term Credit Hours	3
Spring		
HIST 2215	Imperiled Promise: An Introduction to Heritage Interpretation in the National Park Service ¹	3
	Term Credit Hours	3
Summer		
Summer Internship #2 (not for credit)		
	Term Credit Hours	0
Year 3		
Fall		

AOD 2218	Leadership and Communication ²	3
	Term Credit Hours	3
Spring		
Graduate from Temple		
	Term Credit Hours	0
Summer		
Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program (non-credit)		
	Term Credit Hours	0
	Total Credit Hours:	15

¹ Offered in alternating spring semesters.

² Offered in alternating fall semesters.