

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, & TOURISM  
ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION  
DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

Please prepare an *original composition*, not to exceed ten pages, on a specific topic related to parks, recreation, and tourism studies that is of special interest to you. The composition must be uniquely composed for this exam. Term papers, employment-related reports, previously written research proposals etc. are not appropriate. Within your composition, point out how that topic relates to your *research and scholarly interests* in the study of parks, recreation, and tourism. In other words, what research would you like to conduct on the topic? Feel free to develop your composition on any topic you wish within this broad framework, but be certain to focus on a single topic, be certain to explore your research interests related to that topic, and include citations for any references that you use.

Graduate faculty within the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism will examine your paper for clarity and grammatical construction, organization and focus of ideas, effectiveness of transitions between major themes and ideas, validity and soundness of reasoning, and quality of evidence you provide in support of your positions. As such, you are writing an argument, not a descriptive work. Results of the evaluation of your paper will be used by graduate faculty in making a recommendation to the Graduate School concerning your admission or non-admission to graduate studies in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism.

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