Why Choose a Recreation Major?
Recreation and leisure contribute to the health and well being of individuals and their communities. Graduates of the Recreation Program are employed in positions of responsibility throughout the region, nation and world. They work in a variety of settings, including public recreation departments, outdoor recreation programs, hospitals, and tourism agencies. Some graduates have found their degrees useful for work in fields such as social work, the ministry, law enforcement and wildlife biology and rangeland management.

Recreation Jobs?
Specific jobs performed by graduates include working as recreation therapists, organizing and leading outdoor adventure trips, managing youth-serving agencies, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, supervising public sports programs, coordinating community cultural arts, operating eco-tourism trips, and serving as park rangers with state and federal agencies. Delta State University offers both a Bachelors Degree in Recreation and a degree minor in recreation.

Recreation Certifications?
Students have opportunities to join and be affiliated with professional associations that promote the recreation field and provide professional certifications. NRPA (National Recreation & Parks Assoc.), AORE (Association for Outdoor Recreation/Education), NIRSA (National Intramural Recreation & Sports Association), AAHPERD (American Alliance for Health, PE, Recreation & Dance), AAPAR (American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation).

What is the Study of Recreation?
The purpose of recreation and leisure is to contribute to the health and well being of individuals and to enhance the quality of community life. As such, the study of Recreation is multidisciplinary, requiring understanding of the social, behavioral, physical, and environmental sciences as they pertain to helping people grow and develop in their leisure while conserving our vital natural resources. Knowledge of the arts and humanities is important as well, because leisure is one of the most fertile opportunities for self expression and the development of community.
MISSION:
The mission of the Recreation Division is to educate individuals who will improve personal and community wellness advocating for quality of life through a combination of human movement, health and leisure experiences.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:
The goal of the division is excellence in collaboration, programming and service. Programs in the division:
• Provide professional preparation based on current trends & education.
• Provide intellectually challenging programs of study through a variety of programming techniques, including active student involvement in the learning process, practica, service learning and participation in community service projects.
• Provide instruction that enables students to communicate effectively, think critically and creatively working cooperatively.
• Provide academic advisement that assists students in achieving their academic and professional goals.
• Prepare students to be competent and ethical professionals who model a commitment to lifelong learning and healthy living.
• Prepare students to be stewards of environments that promote healthy living and quality of life.
• Prepare students to live and work in a culturally diverse society.

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