

**NRM 63 Course Outline as of Fall 2009****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: NRM 63

Title: PARK INTERPRETATION

Full Title: Park Interpretation

Last Reviewed: 2/22/2021

| Units   |      | Course Hours per Week |      | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total |       |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| Maximum | 3.00 | Lecture Scheduled     | 2.00 | 17.5         | Lecture Scheduled  | 35.00 |
| Minimum | 3.00 | Lab Scheduled         | 3.00 | 17           | Lab Scheduled      | 52.50 |
|         |      | Contact DHR           | 0    |              | Contact DHR        | 0     |
|         |      | Contact Total         | 5.00 |              | Contact Total      | 87.50 |
|         |      | Non-contact DHR       | 0    |              | Non-contact DHR    | 0     |

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: FOR 63

**Catalog Description:**

Principles and applied techniques used to explain natural and cultural resources to the park and museum visitor.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

|                      |                      |            |           |            |           |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>AS Degree:</b>    | <b>Area</b>          |            |           | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>CSU GE:</b>       | <b>Transfer Area</b> |            |           | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>IGETC:</b>        | <b>Transfer Area</b> |            |           | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>CSU Transfer:</b> | Transferable         | Effective: | Fall 1981 | Inactive:  |           |
| <b>UC Transfer:</b>  |                      | Effective: |           | Inactive:  |           |

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Certificate Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the principles and methods of environmental interpretation.
2. Accept and develop the role of interpretation and public relations in supporting organizational management objectives.
3. Plan and present interpretive programs, utilizing audio/visual equipment, photography, and computer graphics.
4. Interact with organizations and practitioners involved in the field of interpretation.
5. Evaluate effectiveness of a variety of interpretive services.

### **Topics and Scope:**

- I. Roots of and Reasons for Interpretation
  - A. History of interpretation
  - B. Interpretation defined
  - C. Interpreters
- II. Values of Interpretation
  - A. Tilden's principles
  - B. Clients
- III. Practicing Thematic Interpretation
  - A. Preparing and presenting a talk
  - B. Presenting a guided tour
  - C. Using visual aids
    1. slide presentations
    2. computer-generated graphics
    3. PowerPoint
    4. storyboards
  - D. Historic and cultural interpretation
  - E. Interpretation for children
  - F. Environmental education curricula
- IV. Interpretive Planning Model
  - A. Planning and preparing exhibits

- B. Self-guided tours/trails
- V. Management of Interpretive Programs
  - A. Education
  - B. Organization
  - C. Personnel management

### Assignment:

Representative assignments:

1. Readings in assigned texts and handouts, averaging 15 - 20 pages per week.
2. Class field trips.
3. Interpretation site visits and written evaluations (4 sites and 2-3 pages for each evaluation).
4. Group interpretive technique demonstration (15 - 20 minutes).
5. Midterm and final exam.
6. Final interpretive project: thematic presentation.

### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Site visits and written evaluations.

Writing  
10 - 20%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving  
0 - 0%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances, performance exams

Skill Demonstrations  
40 - 60%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, true/false, matching items, completion, short answer.

Exams  
20 - 40%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Class and field trip attendance/participation.

Other Category  
10 - 20%

### Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Interpreting Our Heritage. Tilden, Freeman. The University of North Carolina Press, 2008.  
Environmental Interpretation. Ham, Sam. Fulcrum Publishers, 1993.  
Sharing Nature with Children II. Cornell, Joseph. Dawn Publishing, 1999.

(Textbooks are classics in the field.)