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CHARLESTON, IL--The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at Eastern Illinois University has received accreditation based on teaching, research and community service.

A member of the Accreditation Council visited Eastern's campus in August to evaluate the program. The Accreditation Council consists of representatives from the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Association for Leisure and Recreation.

Interviews with faculty, students, alumni and administration were conducted as part of the accrediting procedure. The library, testing center and audio-visual center were among the facilities inspected during the visit.

Recent improvements in the department include two faculty members improving their academic backgrounds in parks and recreation, Booth Library expanding and improving its resources in the areas of parks and recreation and the department becoming more involved in professional activities such as publications, development of workshops and conferences and assistance to area recreation agencies.

The department became one of 30-40 college and university departments throughout the country to receive accreditation out of about 300 with curricula in parks and recreation.