BACHELOR IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning



ABOUT THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

The Texas A&M Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) program is consistently ranked among the top landscape architecture programs in the country. Our program ranked 11th in the nation in DesignIntelligence's 2019–2020 "Most Admired Landscape Architecture Schools," and has been consistently ranked within the top 10 landscape architecture programs in the last decade.

Students take studio classes that connect their learning to the professional world. This project-based coursework fosters innovation, assessment, and professional judgment. We also provide unique opportunities to conduct undergraduate research rooted in evidence-based design.

Our BLA program is a four-year accredited program by the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards under the auspices of the American Society of Landscape Architects. After completing your degree, you'll be ready to enter the workforce, obtain licensure, or pursue a graduate degree at Texas A&M or another institution.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- Community development
- Transportation planning
- Housing
- Economic development
- Planning management/ finance
- Parks and recreation
- Historic preservation
- Community activism/ empowerment

CAREERS

Our program prepares students to enter desirable industries and graduate programs after graduation.

The BLA program prepares students to become professional landscape architects in private and public sectors. Graduates are prepared for employment in a wide range of industries, including landscape architecture, engineering, architecture or planning firms, government agencies.

Our graduates have gained distinction for projects including residential communities, college campuses, and urban designs.

PROGRAM SEMESTER CURRICULUM | CATALOG 145 (2022 - 23)

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FIRST YEAR	FALL SEMESTER	
Listing	Class	Credits
ECCB 205	Fundamentals of Ecology	3
LAND 101	Introduction to Landscape Architectural Practice	1
LAND 111	Landscape Architecture Communication 1	3
MATH 140	Math for Business & Social Sciences	3
URPN 202	Building Better Cities	3
URPN 220	Digital Communication 1	3
Semester Credit Hours		16

FIRST YEAR | SPRING SEMESTER

LAND 240	History of Landscape Architecture	3
LAND 112	Landscape Architecture Communications II	3
MATH 142	Business Calculus	3
URPN 320	Digital Communication II	3
Life and Physical Science Core Curriculum		4

Semester Credit Hours

SECOND YEAR | FALL SEMESTER

Semester Credit Hours		15
KINE 120	Kinesiology	1
LAND 231	Landscape Construction 1	4
LAND 211	Landscape Design 1	4
HORT 306	Trees and Shrubs for Sustainable Built Environments	3
ARCH 250	Survey of World Architecture History II	3

Semester Credit Hours

SECOND YEAR | SPRING SEMESTER

Semester Credit Hours		
Upper Level Elective (or Costa Rica)		3
LAND 232	Landscape Construction 2	3
LAND 212	Landscape Design 2	4
HORT 308	Plants for Sustainable Landscapes	3
ENGL 104	Composition & Rhetoric	3

Semester Credit Hours

THIRD YEAR | FALL SEMESTER

Semester Credit Hours		17
URPN Elective**		3
History Core Curriculum		3
POLS 206	American National Government	3
LAND 311	Landscape Design 3	5
LAND 301	Landscape Archiecture Theory	3

THIRD YEAR | SPRING SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
ECCB 215	Ecology Lab	1
LAND 241	Landscape Architecture in America	3
LAND 312	Landscape Design 4	5
LAND 331	Landscape Construction 3	4
POLS 207	State & Local Government	3
Semester Credit Hours		16

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MID-SEMESTER | SUMMER SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
ENGL 210	Technical Writing	3
LAND 484	Summer Internship	0
Semester Credit Hours		3

FOURTH YEAR | FALL SEMESTER

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Study Abroad or 2 General Electives (Upper Level)**	
LAND 494 or CARC 301	Internship or Field Studies in Design Innovation

Semester Credit Hours

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6 or 12
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FOURTH YEAR | SPRING SEMESTER

LAND 412	Landscape Design 5	5
LAND 431	Professional Practice	3
Cultural Discourse		3
History Core Curriculum		3
URPN Elective***		3
Semester Credit Hours		17

Curriculum subject to change

* URPN 320 or URPN 325 or approval of Program Coordinator.

** URPN 201 - The Evolving City, URPN 330 - Land Development I, URPN 370 - Health Systems Planning.

*** URPN 361 - Urban Issues, URPN 460 - Sustainable Communities.

A grade of C or better is required in courses under major coursework and supporting coursework.

Semester away can be fulfilled by study abroad or study at an approved other university (12 hours) or internship (6 hours).

Study abroad students will take CARC 301, CARC 311, and CARC 331. Other university courses will be approved individually through an advisor.

Internship students will register for LAND 494 in 4th year, fall semester. Upper level general elective must be taken in semesters other than fall, 4th year.

Any student transferring or changing majors into landscape architecture should understand that the program consists of 4 years of sequential studio courses, with the sequence beginning in a fall semester. It will take at least 4 years to complete the curriculum. Therefore, students should have less than 60 hours total to avoid going over the state hour limit.