



The Master's of Landscape Architecture (MLA) program at Texas A&M University teaches students to design and plan outdoor spaces. You'll learn how to assess, protect and design landscapes for people to interact with and benefit from connections with the natural and built environment.

Landscape architecture is the regulated profession that ensures the health, safety, and welfare of citizens through landscape design. Through our accredited program, you'll prepare to become a professional landscape architect.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The MLA program has been training entry level professional landscape architects since 1958. As part of a research institution, our students experience how research impacts design. Because research methods are woven into our MLA curriculum, students learn important concepts about research that is relevant to professional practice. Some of our MLA graduates pursue a Ph.D.

The MLA program concludes with a final study where students apply design theories and create designs for real or theoretical projects. They take on the same responsibilities a project manager would in a firm, preparing them for professional practice. Our students have won prestigious awards for their projects.

Our Master of Landscape Architecture program is fully accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board. After completing your degree, you can pursue licensure to become a licensed landscape architect.

CAREERS

Our graduates are motivated to be lifelong learners capable of independent and interdisciplinary leadership in the field of landscape architecture. Employment opportunities are found at the state, regional, and national level in private firms, governmental agencies, municipal planning and design offices, and interdisciplinary firms.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- Spatial configuration
- Environmental design
- Land use planning
- Construction
- Site grading
- Stormwater management
- Critical thinking
- Sustainable site planning
- Graphic and verbal communication

CURRICULUM

Our course curriculum focuses on design, construction, and planning components as well as the visual quality, theory, research, and technological aspects of the field. Digital and hand-drawn graphic communication, G.I.S., low-impact development, ecology, and plant material courses are also offered. In addition, the program offers professional practice, history, and research methods courses to round out the student's education. Our students culminate their skills in a year-long final study, and a summer internship in private practice.

Our curriculum is structured so that our teaching and professional instruction foster critical analysis and critical thinking in our students from simple to complex.

LEVELING YEAR | FALL SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
LAND 601	Design Theory	5
LAND 612	Site Development	4
LAND 645	Practice Diversity	3
LAND 655	Landscape Architectural Communications	3
Semester Credit Hours		15

LEVELING YEAR | SPRING SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
LAND 602	Design Application	5
LAND 614	Site Construction	3
Elective (degree related)		3
Semester Credit Hours		11

ADVANCED YEAR | FALL SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
LAND 620	Open Space Development 1	5
HORT 608	Plants for Landscape Design	4
ESSM 600	Ecology and Land Uses	3
LAND 612	Site Development (2 yr program only)	4
Semester Credit Hours		12-16

SECOND YEAR | SPRING SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
LAND 621	Open Space Development 2	5
Semester Credit Hours		12-15

Listing	Class	Credits
LAND 681	Seminar	1
LAND 640	Research Methods	3
LAND 630	Development of Landscape Architecture	3
LAND 614	Site Construction (2 yr program only)	3
Semester Credit Hours		12-15

ADVANCED YEAR | SUMMER SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
LAND 684	Internship	1
Semester Credit Hours		1

FINAL YEAR | FALL SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
LAND 693	Professional Study	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		9

FINAL YEAR | SPRING SEMESTER

Listing	Class	Credits
LAND 646	Professional Practice	3
LAND 693	Professional Study	4
Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		10