

# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - M.L.A. I

College of Architecture and Environmental Design  
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## About This Program

Looking to make a real difference in the world with your design skills? The M.L.A. professional degree will provide you with the tools you need to become a creative and effective leader in the field of landscape architecture. Our inclusive and interdisciplinary design methodologies prepare you to study matters of global significance, such as the reclamation of urban vacancies, the design of infrastructural systems, the preservation of natural resources and the pursuit of social justice and cultural landscapes. Join us and shape a better future. Read more...

## Contact Information

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Cleveland

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Landscape architects

- -2.4% decline
- 24,500 number of jobs
- \$70,630 potential earnings

### Architecture teachers, postsecondary

- 5.1% faster than the average
- 8,500 number of jobs
- \$90,880 potential earnings

### Urban and regional planners

- 11.0% much faster than the average
- 39,700 number of jobs
- \$75,950 potential earnings

## Additional Careers

- Landscape architectural project managers

## Accreditation

The M.L.A. I degree is an accredited program through the Landscape Architecture Accrediting Board (LAAB) as of fall 2018.

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Curriculum vitae
- Goal statement
- Portfolio of design work
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:<sup>1</sup>
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 DET score

<sup>1</sup> International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Application deadline: February 1

*Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.*

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

| Code                      | Title   | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Major Requirements</b> |   |              |
| LARC 50100                | DESIGN VISUALIZATION                          | 3            |
| LARC 50101                | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO I               | 6            |
| LARC 50102                | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO II              | 6            |
| LARC 60103                | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO III             | 6            |
| LARC 60104                | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO IV              | 6            |
| LARC 60105                | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO V               | 6            |
| LARC 60106                | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO VI <sup>1</sup> | 6            |
| LARC 60111                | LANDSCAPE HISTORY AND THEORY                  | 3            |
| LARC 60301                | SITE ENGINEERING                              | 3            |
| LARC 60401                | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CONSTRUCTION METHODS   | 3            |
| LARC 60601                | PLANTS AND PLANTED FORM                       | 3            |
| LARC 60602                | URBAN ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS                      | 3            |
| LARC 60922                | METHODS OF INQUIRY IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES   | 2            |

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| LARC 60923                                    | EMPIRICAL RESEARCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN                      | 1  |
| LARC 65003                                    | PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: LEADERSHIP, ETHICS AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT | 3  |
| Cognate Electives, choose from the following: |   | 12 |
| ARCH 55291                                    | SEMINAR: VARIABLE TOPICS IN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY               |    |
| BSCI 50162                                    | SOIL BIOLOGY  |    |
| BSCI 50170                                    | STREAM BIOLOGY  |    |
| BSCI 50364                                    | LIMNOLOGY   |    |
| BSCI 50368                                    | WETLAND ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT                                  |    |
| BSCI 50374                                    | CONSERVATION BIOLOGY  |    |
| BSCI 50375                                    | ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT                            |    |
| BSCI 50525                                    | WILDLIFE RESOURCES  |    |
| BSCI 60372                                    | COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS                                      |    |
| BSCI 60391                                    | SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY  |    |
| EHS 52018                                     | ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONCEPTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH                  |    |
| EHS 53009                                     | EMERGING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND RESPONSE               |    |
| ESCI 51073                                    | GEOLOGY OF OHIO   |    |
| ESCI 51077                                    | GEOLOGY OF THE NATIONAL PARKS                                   |    |
| GEOG 51066                                    | GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE   |    |
| GEOG 51073                                    | CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES                           |    |
| GEOG 51074                                    | RESOURCE GEOGRAPHY  |    |
| GEOG 51082                                    | GEOGRAPHY OF SOILS  |    |
| GEOG 52052                                    | HEALTH GEOGRAPHY  |    |
| GEOG 54010                                    | GEOGRAPHIES OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT                               |    |
| GEOG 55085                                    | URBAN TRANSPORTATION  |    |
| GEOG 56070                                    | URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING                                     |    |
| GEOG 59070                                    | GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE                                  |    |
| GEOG 59076                                    | SPATIAL PROGRAMMING   |    |
| GEOG 59080                                    | ADVANCED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE                         |    |
| GEOG 59162                                    | CARTOGRAPHY   |    |
| GEOG 59230                                    | REMOTE SENSING  |    |
| GEOG 60191                                    | SEMINAR IN TOPICAL GEOGRAPHY                                    |    |
| GEOG 60800                                    | SEMINAR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC THOUGHT                |    |
| GEOG 69004                                    | QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN GEOGRAPHY                               |    |
| GEOG 69701                                    | RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION OF GEOGRAPHIC DATA                    |    |
| HCD 63002                                     | HEALTHCARE FACILITIES   |    |
| HCD 63003                                     | ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS IN HEALTHCARE               |    |
| LARC 60798                                    | MASTER PROJECT IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RESEARCH               |    |
| LARC 66992                                    | FIELD STUDY IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE                           |    |
| LARC 66995                                    | SPECIAL TOPICS IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE                        |    |
| RPTM 56070                                    | PARK PLANNING   |    |
| UD 55705                                      | FORCES THAT SHAPE CITIES  |    |
| UD 65101                                      | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS                                   |    |
| UD 65102                                      | URBAN SYSTEMS   |    |
| UD 65632                                      | URBAN ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS  |    |

UD 66995 SPECIAL TOPICS IN URBAN DESIGN

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:****72**

<sup>1</sup> Students may replace LARC 60106 with LARC 60799 with advisor approval.

## Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| -                 | 3.000               |

- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Pursue careers in landscape architecture.
2. Synthesize higher-level learning necessary to practice landscape architecture; and develop critical understanding through increased independent, collaborative, interdisciplinary and course-based research.
3. Establish a design process that is firmly based upon research, technology and artistic expression.
4. Appraise and understand geo-cultural differences and develop skills to engage local phenomena.

## Full Description

The Master of Landscape Architecture I degree in Landscape Architecture is a professional program that prepares graduates for active, creative and leadership roles in landscape architecture profession through inclusive and interdisciplinary design methodologies that are focused on issues surrounding urban landscapes, ecologies and social concerns.

Students are engaged in issues – ranging from hydrology in the Great Lakes and Ohio River Basins watershed to the role of urban landscapes associated with industrial cities. In addition, they study matters of global significance relating to the role of landscape and design relative to reclamation of urban vacancies, infrastructural systems, natural resources, climate change, water quality for health and social justice and cultural landscapes.

## Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.