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...

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Program Delivery
- Delivery: In person
- Location: Cleveland

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Landscape architects
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Additional Careers
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Accreditation
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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)
- GRE scores (effective with spring 2024 admission term, GRE is no longer required)
- 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) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score
  - Minimum 79TOEFL IBT score
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English score

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

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* 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.

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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 50372  CONSERVATION BIOLOGY
BSCI 50375  ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT
BSCI 50525  WILDLIFE RESOURCES
BSCI 60080  EXPERIMENTAL METHODS IN BIOLOGY
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 54070  SPATIAL ANALYSIS AND LOCATION THEORY
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 62062  BEHAVIORAL GEOGRAPHY
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

1 Students may replace LARC 60106 with LARC 60799 with advisor approval.

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.