LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - M.L.A. II

College of Architecture and Environmental Design
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About This Program
From design studios to field experiences, the post-professional M.L.A degree prepares graduates to tackle complex issues related to landscape architecture and urban planning. 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

Architectural and engineering managers
• 2.6% slower than the average
• 198,100 number of jobs
• $149,530 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

* 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 of Landscape Architecture degree that is accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accrediting Board (LAAB)
• Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale
• Official transcript(s)
• GRE scores (effective with spring 2024 admission term, GRE scores are 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 79 TOEFL 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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Full Description

The Master of Landscape Architecture II degree in Landscape Architecture is a post-professional program intended for students to develop new knowledge through research and design, and to provide professionals with the opportunity for specialization in an area of their choosing.

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, students 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.

Individual capstone research or advanced design studios comprise the second year of study.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Synthesize higher level learning necessary to practice landscape architecture.
2. Develop critical understanding through increased independent, collaborative, interdisciplinary and course-based research.