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...

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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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
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 [1]	6
LARC 60922	METHODS OF INQUIRY IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES	2
LARC 60923	EMPIRICAL RESEARCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	1
Cognate Electives, choose from the following:		33
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		
BSCI 50374	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
LARC 60798	MASTER PROJECT IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RESEARCH
LARC 60799	MASTERS PROJECT IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
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: **60**

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

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.

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.