

Top 10 Reasons to Get an MLA from the University of Arizona

1. You are prepared for professional practice.

Our MLA program is fully accredited and while we concentrate on arid lands, our studio work is not confined to our locale so it prepares you for work in all climates and regions. Our graduates have found great success around the country and around the globe. We pride ourselves on our graduate's design, planning and technical acumen.

2. You'll get lots of attention.

With six full-time faculty members for our 50± students, no one can complain about not getting enough time from our faculty and staff. Our classes are small and interactive.

3. Our faculty members are experienced and diverse.

Your award winning instructors come from all three North American countries and bring professional practice experience from around the world.

4. The facilities are outstanding.

We believe in the *studio culture* where you have your own space with your instructor offices adjacent to you. Our modern studios are spacious and airy – the views to the mountains are extraordinary. Our building and landscape have won local, state, and national design awards. Our Materials Labs offer the latest technologies such as 3-D printing and laser cutting for intricate model making. The Underwood Family Sonoran Landscape Laboratory (the Underwood Family Garden) is a model of green infrastructure – people come from around the world to visit it. And the campus? It dates back to territorial days – well before Arizona became a state in 1912. It's gorgeous with phenomenal buildings and landscapes and the University Arboretum is the campus!

5. Our students are phenomenal.

If you are looking for a supportive learning community then this is the place for you. We highly value the *sense of community*. You'll encounter classmates with almost every conceivable undergraduate degree. Our ASLA Student Chapter (our student society) is active in scheduling lectures, *brown bag* seminars, field trips and, social events. How much pizza can you eat?

6. We're a professionally integrated college.

We are in the College of Architecture + Planning + Landscape Architecture. You'll have opportunities to take classes in other professions or just mix with students and faculty from the various disciplines and from around the world.

7. Tucson has phenomenal weather.

Sure it gets hot here in the summer but the school year lends itself to outdoor activities. It is often 70° F (20° C) in the winter. You can bike everywhere as Tucson has won awards as being a *bicycle friendly community*. We're in the Sonoran Desert and we (and others) believe it to be the most beautiful of the four great American deserts. If you need some snow, Mt Lemmon at 9,500' is 24 miles away with the most southern ski area in the US.

8. Advice is never far away.

Our college has a full-time Graduate Advisor who will look after all of your academic questions. You'll get reminders and notices on a regular basis. Faculty members provide lots of professional advice. Nothing falls through the cracks here!

9. We have many international study opportunities.

In the recent past we have had studios where students work on projects in Central America and the Middle East. Individual student theses and Mater's Reports have been on projects in Guam, Japan, Panama, Mexico and other exotic locales. Also we welcome and cater to RPCV (Returning Peace Corp Volunteers) – they bring incredible experiences that enrich our lives.

Aren't 9 good reasons enough?

Come visit us and let us prove it you.