BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

The Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) is a four-year professional degree program that prepares students to become successful, licensed landscape architects. Our robust, studio-based curriculum is taught by award-winning faculty and designed to fully engage your artistic, analytical and inventive self.

As a landscape architecture student, you’ll learn:
- Landscape design history, theory and criticism
- Design processes and methods
- Professional communication
- Advanced technologies and tools
- Urban landscape ecology
- Sociocultural design factors
- Site engineering, construction and design implementation
- Professional practice policies, procedures and ethics
- Social justice and design for all

Landscape architecture is a profession of increasing importance in the face of climate change and growing urban populations. With the BLA, you’ll create sustainable design strategies that solve problems in creative, ecologically sound ways.

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Landscape architects synthesize art with ecology to create public places that delight users. They work closely with architects, urban planners and others to create high-performing and healthful outdoor environments.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Demand for trained landscape architects is high and growing in Arizona and the nation. Graduates can expect to work with allied professionals including architects, ecologists and biologists, historians and anthropologists, civil and structural engineers and urban planners. Graduates can design public and private outdoor places but may also specialize in:

- Construction management
- Ecological art
- Environmental consulting
- Historic preservation and cultural heritage
- Land development
- Natural resources conservation and management
- Project management
- Site engineering
- Urban design
- Urban ecology

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BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CURRICULUM

FALL 1
FOUNDATION STUDIO
THINKING ABOUT DESIGN IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
FIRST-YEAR COMPOSITION
SECOND LANGUAGE ●
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 1 ●

SPRING 1
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE INTRO STUDIO
FIRST-YEAR COMPOSITION
MODELING WITH ALGEBRAIC AND TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS
SECOND LANGUAGE ●

FALL 2
DESIGN STUDIO I
SITE ENGINEERING
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 1 ●
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 1 ●

SPRING 2
DESIGN STUDIO II
LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION
HISTORY AND THEORY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 1 ●

FALL 3
DESIGN STUDIO III
INTRODUCTION TO GIS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING
PLANT MATERIALS
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 1 ●

SPRING 3
DESIGN STUDIO IV
LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 1 ●
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 2 ●

FALL 4
DESIGN STUDIO V
CONTEMPORARY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
PLANTING DESIGN
SPECIAL TOPICS IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

SPRING 4
DESIGN STUDIO VI
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 2 ●
GENERAL EDUCATION TIER 2 ●

IMPORTANT NOTES:
A minimum of 121 units of coursework are required

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UA General Education (TIER 1 TRADES, NATS and INDVS I Tier 2 INDVS, NATS and Humanities) requires one course to have a “diversity” emphasis focus.

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Design Studio IV and V Co-convened with ARC 451A (Spring 3) and ARC 451 B (Fall 4) options.

500-level courses may be taken during Fall 4 and Spring 4 to prepare for accelerated master’s program.

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