



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Architecture, Planning
& Landscape Architecture

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

The Master of Landscape Architecture is a three-year, STEM-designated program that prepares students for the practice of landscape architecture.

The MLA from the University of Arizona is fully accredited through the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB).

Our studio-based, sustainability-focused program employs real-world learning experiences that enable students to meet the most critical design challenges of the built environment.

As a landscape architecture student, you'll learn:

- Landscape architecture history, theory, and criticism
- Design and design methods
- Sustainable design strategies and natural processes
- Socio-cultural factors in design
- Design implementation
- Professional communication, documentation and technology
- Professional practice
- Research and scholarly methods

With the MLA, you'll graduate ready to thrive in a profession of increasing importance in the face of climate change, growing urban populations and challenges to social equity.

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At CAPLA, you'll learn—and practice—systematic public and private outdoor place design to promote social justice and wellbeing, human and environmental health, preservation of cultural heritage and creation of site and visual character.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

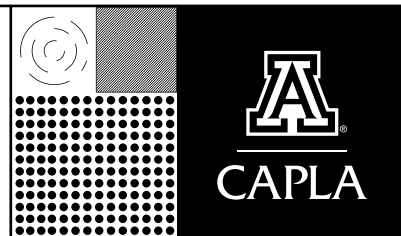
Demand for trained landscape architects is high and growing in Arizona and around the nation. Students graduate fully prepared for professional practice, finding employment with private-sector firms, governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations locally, nationally and internationally. Others continue on to pursue doctoral degrees. Graduates can design public and private outdoor places but may also specialize in:

- Green infrastructure and landscape performance
- Urban planning
- Natural and cultural resource conservation and management
- Design implementation and construction management
- Applied design research

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MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CURRICULUM



NOTES:

A total of 76 units is required to earn the Master of Landscape Architecture degree.

- One elective is required. Electives must be approved by the academic advisor.

- Master's Report (LAR 909) or Thesis (LAR 910) units can also be taken during the last 3 semesters, if you wish to keep minimal units for your last semester. If this is the case, we suggest you take 2 units in Spring 2, 3 units in Fall 3, and 1 unit in Spring 3. If you have an assistantship in the final semester, you can add an additional 3 units to remain full-time. Most students complete a Master's Report, so LAR 909 is the appropriate course number. These units are separate from the seminar class.



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FALL 1

Design Studio I
Plant Materials
Contemporary Landscape Architecture
Landscape Construction

SPRING 1

Design Studio II
Landscape Ecology
Site Engineering
History and Theory of Landscape Architecture

FALL 2

Planting Design
Design Studio III
Introduction to GIS for Planning and Landscape Architecture

SPRING 2

Design Studio IV
Landscape Planning Studio
Landscape Architecture Seminar II
Professional Practice
Elective ●

FALL 3

Design Studio V
Landscape Architecture Seminar III

SPRING 3

Landscape Architecture Seminar IV
Master's Report/Thesis ■

ELECTIVES

FALL

Green Infrastructure
Introduction to Heritage Conservation
Research Methods

SPRING

Placemaking and Urban Form
Documentation and Interpretation of the Historic Built Environment
Preservation Planning Issues
Land Use Planning Law

UNITS

COURSE

LAR 510
LAR 520
LAR 540
LAR 555
17

LAR 511
LAR 523
LAR 554
LAR 541
15

LAR 526
LAR 610
LAR 570
14

LAR 611
LAR 623
LAR 596B
LAR 560
2-3
14-15

LAR 612
LAR 596C
8

LAR 596D
LAR 909/910
2
6-9
8-11

ENVS 550
LAR 571F
SBE 580

RED 521
PLG 597J
PLG 564
PLG 560