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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

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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

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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
- Introduction to Digital Media (or alternate elective)

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

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
- Geodesign Studio
- Documentation and Interpretation of the Historic Built Environment
- Preservation Planning Issues
- Land Use Planning Law

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.