

Landscape Architecture Curriculum 2007 - 2009

149.5 credits

The Department of Landscape Architecture offers a five-year undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) degree. The program is divided into two parts: a one-year pre-professional segment and a four-year professional segment. When students are first admitted to Iowa State University, they may enter the pre-professional program. After successfully completing the required first-year courses, they may apply for admission to the professional program. Because of enrollment management policies determined by national accreditation standards, the number of spaces in the professional program is limited each year.

Pre-professional Program

Fall		Spring	
4	Dsn S 102- Studio or Dsn S 131 - Design Representation	4	Dsn S 131 – Design Representation or Dsn S 102 - Studio
3	Dsn S 183 – Introduction to Design Culture	3	Social Sciences/Humanities Elective
3	Math/Science Elective	3	Math/Science Elective
3	Engl 150/250	0.5	Lib 160 - Library Instruction
3	Social Sciences/Humanities Elective	6	Elective
16	<i>Credits</i>	16.5	<i>Credits</i>

Professional Program

Fall		Spring	
6	LA 201 – Landscape Interpretation and Representation	6	LA 202 - Site Planning and Design I
3	LA 221 - Native Plants of the Midwest	3	LA 274 – The Social and Behavioral Landscape
1	LA 241 – Developing Identity as a Landscape Architect	3	LA 222 - Introduced Plants of the Midwest
3	LA 272 – Cultural Landscape Studies	3	LA 371 – Landscape Architectural History: 1800 - present
3	LA 281 - Investigating Landscape Form, Process and Detail	3	AGRON 156
16	<i>Credits</i>	18	<i>Credits</i>

Fall		Spring	
6	LA 301 - Site Planning and Design II	6	LA 302 - Regional Landscape Design
3	LA 381 - Shaping the Land	1	LA 341 - Contemporary Landscape Architecture
3	LA 373 - Landscape Architectural History: Prehistory to 1800	3	LA Professional Electives ¹
3	LA 465 – Landscape Change and Conservation	3	Social Science/Humanities Electives
3	Engl 250	3	Math/Science Elective
18	<i>Credits</i>	16	<i>Credits</i>

Fall		Spring	
6	LA 402 - Urban Landscape Design	R	LA 451 - Landscape Architecture Professional Internship, Study Abroad, or National Student Exchange ²
2	LA 481 - Landscape Construction		
3	Social Science/Humanities Elective		
3	LA Professional Electives ¹		
3	Communications (300 level)		
17	<i>Credits</i>		

Fall		Spring	
6	LA 401 - Community Landscape Design	6	LA 404 - Advanced Landscape Architectural Design Options OR LA 405 - Senior Thesis OR DSN S 446
4	LA Professional Electives	2	LA 441 - Professional Practice
3	Social Science/Humanities Elective (300 level)	2	LA 482 - Advanced Landscape Construction
3	Electives	6	Electives
16	<i>Credits</i>	16	<i>Credits</i>

1. Total of 7 LA Elective credits req. for BLA; credit total for semesters will vary depending on LA Elective choices

2. Credits taken during study abroad or on National Student Exchange will be applied to transcripts.

Course number sequence: 1st digit = year
2nd digit = content area
3rd digit = sequence number

Content area digits: 0 = design studio
2 = plants and ecology
4 = overview of landscape architecture profession
5 = internship/study abroad/national exchange
6 = landscape planning and management
7 = history/theory/criticism
8 = design implementation