

Landscape Architecture Curriculum 2005-2007

149.5 credits

Landscape Architecture		87 credits
Overview	1	LA 241 – Developing Identity as a Landscape Architect
	1	LA 341 - Contemporary Landscape Architecture
	3	LA 441 - Professional Practice
History/Theory/Criticism	3	LA 272 - Introduction to Landscape Architectural Theory
	3	LA 273 - Landscape Architectural History: Prehistory to 1900
	3	LA 274 – The Social and Behavioral Landscape
	3	LA 371 - Landscape Architectural History: 1900 to Present
	3	LA 465 – Landscape Change and Conservation
Studio	6	LA 201 – Midwestern Landscape Studies
	6	LA 202 – Site Planning and Design I
	6	LA 301 – Site Planning and Design II
	6	LA 302 – Regional Landscape Design
	6	LA 401 – Community Landscape Design
	6	LA 402 – Urban Landscape Design
Plants	2	LA 403 – Senior Thesis Preparation Tutorial (optional)
	6	LA 404 – Advanced Landscape Architectural Design Options OR LA 405 – Senior Thesis
Plants	3	LA 221 – Native Plants of the Midwest
	3	LA 222 – Introduced Plants of the Midwest
Implementation	3	LA 281 – Investigating Landscape Constructions
	2	LA 381 – Shaping the Land
	2	LA 481 – Landscape Construction
	2	LA 482 – Advanced Landscape Construction
Semester Away	1	LA 450 – Landscape Architecture Professional Internship, Study Abroad, National Student Exchange Seminar
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LA Professional Electives	7	Choose from LA 309, LA 303, LA 322, LA478A-N, LA 490A-N
General Design Electives		11 credits Note: at least 3 credits at the 300 level
General Design Electives	3	Dsn S 183 – Introduction to Design Culture
	4	Dsn S 102 – Studio
	4	Dsn S 131 – Design Representation
Communications Electives		9.5 credits
Requirements & Electives	3	Engl 104 - First-Year Composition I
	3	Engl 105 - First-Year Composition II
	3	300 level course in English/Writing
	0.5	Lib 160 - Library Instruction
Humanities Electives		9 credits
Humanities Electives	6	History/Philosophy Electives
	3	Humanities Elective
Social Sciences Electives		6 credits
Social Sciences Electives	6	Choose from courses in sociology, political science, economics, psychology, anthropology
Science and Math		12 credits
Science and Math	2 or 3	Math 141 or equivalent
	3	Design Science
	3	Science
	3	Agronomy 156
Electives		15 credits
Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the University Honors Program and/or declare a minor. The list of courses recommended by the department should be considered when selecting electives.		

Additionally: Each student needs to take 3 credits of a US Diversity and 3 credits of an International Perspectives course. Courses that fulfill these requirements are listed on the web site: <http://www.iastate.edu/~registrar/courses/div-home.html>. Also students need to take at least 6 credits of 300 level or above in the combined areas of communication, science, and math, humanities and social science (6 total from all the areas).

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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 - 104	3	Engl - 105
3	Social Sciences/Humanities Elective	0.5	Lib 160 - Library Instruction
16	<i>Credits</i>	3	Elective
		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 273 - Landscape Architectural History: Prehistory to 1800	3	LA Professional Electives ¹
3	LA 465 – Landscape Change and Conservation	3	Social Science/Humanities Electives
3	Elective	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
4	LA Professional Electives		OR LA 405 - Senior Thesis
3	Social Science/Humanities Elective (300 level)	2	LA 441 - Professional Practice
3	Electives	2	LA 482 - Advanced Landscape Construction
16	<i>Credits</i>	6	Electives
		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