

### Proposed Course of Study for the MLA (2012-15)

The MLA will be an accredited first professional degree for students **without** an undergraduate degree in landscape architecture. The degree provides skills for students seeking to enter landscape architecture with the intent of practicing as a licensed professional in either the public or private sectors and will provide students with the basic knowledge required for professional competency as measured by the licensing exam.

<b>MLA: Accredited First Professional Degree</b>			
<b>Year 1: Core Professional Skills and Graduate Seminars</b>			
Fall		Spring	
3	LA 373: Landscape Architectural History to 1750.	6	LA 202: Site Planning & Design I
3	<b>LA 571: LA Theory</b>	3	LA 274: Social/Behavioral Landscape
3	<b>LA 578G: Design Representation</b>	3	Elective (3-500 level (possibly remedial)
3	Plant Elective I* or <b>Ecology</b> ***	3	Plant Elective I or <b>Concentration Elective</b>
12	<i>Credits</i>	15	<i>Credits</i>
<b>Year 2 -- Intermediate Professional Skills and Methods</b>			
Fall		Spring	
6	LA 301: Site Planning & Design II	6	LA 302: Ecol. Design at Regional Scale
3	LA 381: Shaping the Land	3	<b>LA 573: Advanced LA Theory</b>
3	<b>Ecology or Planning Elective</b> †	2	LA 441: Professional Practice
3	Plant Elective II **	3	<b>Concentration Elective (500-level) or Planning Elective</b> †
15	<i>Credits</i>	14	<i>Credits</i>
<b>Year 3: Advanced Professional Skills and Specialization</b>			
Fall		Spring	
6	<b>LA 504 : Landworks Studio/Urban Design</b>	6	<b>Dsn S 546: Interdisciplinary Design Studio</b>
3	LA 481: Construction	3	LA 482: Construction II
3	<b>Concentration Elective or Planning Elective (500-level)</b>	3	<b>Concentration Elective (500-level)</b>
3	<b>LA 541: Design Inquiry</b>		
15	<i>Credits</i>	12	<i>Credits</i>
<b>This curriculum shows 84 total credits: 30 graduate level credits plus 54 bachelor level credits (Z courses).</b>			

\*Plant Elective I: Choice of LA 221 (Midwestern Plants) or LA 222 (Introduced Plants)

\*\*Plant Elective II: Choice of LA 322 (Planting Design) or LA 522x (Green Infrastructure)

\*\*\*Ecology: Choice of NREM 301 (Natural Resource Ecology and Soils) or AECl 312 (Ecology)

†Planning Elective: Choice of CRP/LA 591 or CRP 592 or similar (not GIS)

While the curriculum in Table I requires bachelor's degree courses (to allow us to deliver this program using current faculty resources), **graduate-level work is accomplished through a**

**minimum of 30 credits of advanced courses, both required and elective, at the 500-level.**  
 These courses are *highlighted in italics* in Table I above.

As per LAAB requirements, this coursework also provides a chance to concentrate study in a topical area of practice, through coursework and/or an optional thesis. Students' concentrations--in areas such as history-theory; design-art; ecology; hydrology; community design, etc--will be determined by the student in conjunction with his/her major professor and will be designated in a Program of Study, to be completed by the end of his/her first year. Electives may be selected from within the department and college; some options for these courses are listed in Table II. As master's programs in both our department and the college continue to grow, we also anticipate our students will be able to take advantage of increasing offerings of interdisciplinary graduate-level electives in all college departments, including Industrial Design and Integrated Studio Arts.

**Table II. Sample Department/College Courses for Concentration Electives**

<u>Sample 500-Level LA Classes</u>	<u>Sample 500-level College Courses</u>
LA 567: Advanced GIS Modeling	Arch 519: Middle Eastern Cities
LA 578A, ...578N: Topical Studies in LA	Arch 527: History of Chinese Architecture
LA 590: Independent Study	Arch 535: Advanced 3Dimensional Studio
LA 517: Urban/Periurban Watersheds	Arch 567: Preservation, Rehabilitation, Restoration
	Arch 528A...528E: Topical Studies
	Arch 571: Design for All People
	Arch 575: Contemp. Urban Design Theory
	CRP 504: Why Change Anything?
	CRP 545: Transportation Policy Planning
	CRP 552: Geographic Data Management and Planning Analysis
	CRP 553: Analytical Planning/GIS
	CRP 584: Sustainable Communities
	...etc.

Students may also take courses from other departments across campus, allowing students to tailor a program of study includes related interests from outside the design fields. Departments students may be interested in taking classes from include Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Business, Statistics, Horticulture, Environmental Science, Engineering, History, Kinesiology, Sociology and/or the MFA in Creative Writing and the Environment, among many others.