

# **MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

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The MLA is an accredited professional degree for students with or without an undergraduate degree in landscape architecture. The degree provides knowledge and skills for students intending to practice or pursue a scholarly career. Graduates meet the academic expectations for professional licensure as measured by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB). A post-professional MLA 2-year advanced status program is available to American and Canadian students holding a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from an accredited program. Advanced standing will be determined by the MLA application review committee (see 2-year program of study link on MLA website).

The program offers three concentration tracks in a topical area – Theory/Urbanism, Technology/Ecology, Advocacy/Community — through coursework and/or an optional thesis and creative component. Students' concentrations in one of the three tracks will be determined by the student in conjunction with his/her adviser. Concentration electives may be selected from an approved list of department, college, and university courses. In the final year students will be able to take Creative Component or Thesis option with the approval of their major professor and the department Graduate Committee.

Students will be able to take advantage of increasing offerings of interdisciplinary graduate-level electives in all college departments, as well as pursue dual degree with Community and Regional Planning and with the interdisciplinary programs of Master of Urban Design (MUD) and Master in Design of Sustainable Environment (Mdes SE). Students interested in the double degree programs should contact the departments to receive a detailed description of requirements.

The department also offers courses in the Graduate Certificate Program in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), administered by the Department of Community and Regional Planning. Students are able to take advantage of increasing offerings of interdisciplinary graduate-level electives in all college departments.

### 3-Year Program of Study Proposed Path

#### Total Credits 80

Yr 1		Core Design and Critical thinking	
Fall		Spring	
4	LA 601: Design Representation	6	LA 602: Studio I – Landform & Plantscape
3	<i>LA Electives</i> (0 cr. English Communication, intl' stud.)	3	LA 590D: Special Topics in Landscape History, or LA 578D: Landscape History elective*
3	LA 541: Design Research Inquiry or DSNS 501: Introduction to Research Design	3	LA 559: Digital Design Methods
3	<i>Concentration Elective†</i>	1	LA 543: Colloquium I – Landscape Architecture Research Forum
13	Credits	13	Credits

Yr 1		Summer Options	
3	<i>CRP 551 (online)</i>		

Yr 2		Design Application	
Fall		Spring	
6	LA 603: Studio II—Performative Landscape	6	LA 604: Studio III—CityMatters
3	LA 583: Landscape TopoGraphics	3	LA 594: Justice in Built Environment
3	LA 522: Advanced Plant & Soil Technology	3	LA 587: Landscape Structures
3	LA 571: Landscape Architecture Theory	3	<i>Concentration Elective†</i>
15	Credits	15	Credits

Yr 3		Design Implementation & Specialization	
Fall		Spring	
6	LA 605: Studio IV: LandWorks & LandDigits	6 or 4	DSN S 546: Option Interdisc. Studio or LA 599: Creative Comp. or LA 699: Thesis (prereq: LA 580)
2 (option)	LA 580: Thesis, Creative Component Tutorial	2	LA 542: Professional Practice and Enterprise
3	<i>Concentration elective†</i>	3	<i>Planning Elective</i>
1	LA 545: Colloquium II – Interdisciplinary Research Forum	3	<i>Elective††</i> <i>OR internship/prof. practice</i>
3	<i>LA elective (if not taken in 1<sup>st</sup> Fall)</i>		
10/12/13	Credits	12/ 14	Credits

Yr 3		Summer Double Degrees Option	
8	<i>Sus E 502 + 3 cr. course</i>		
9	<i>URB D 502 + 3 cr. course</i>		

## Core Courses in Topical Areas

### Design and Planning

- 4 cr. LA 601: Design Representation
- 6 cr. LA 602: Studio I – Land/Form & Plant/Scape
- 6 cr. LA 603: Studio II— Living Systems
- 6 cr. LA 604: Studio III—City Matters
- 6 cr. LA 605: Studio IV –LandWorks/LandDigits
- 6 cr. DSN S 546: Interdisciplinary Option Studio or 2cr. LA 580: Thesis, Creative Comp. Tutorial +
- 34 cr. Subtotal 4 cr. LA 599: Creative Comp. or LA 699: Thesis

### Theory/History/Urbanism

- 3cr. LA 571: Landscape Theory I
- 3 cr. LA 590D or LA 578D: LA History elective\*
- 3 cr. LA 541: Design Research Inquiry or DSNS 501: Introduction to Research Design
- 1cr. LA 543: Colloquium I
- 1cr. LA 545: Colloquium II
- 11 cr. Subtotal

### Technology/Ecology/Materiality

- 3 cr. LA 559: Digital Design Methods
- 3 cr. LA 583: Landscape TopoGraphics
- 3 cr. LA 587: Landscape Structures
- 2 cr. LA 542: Professional Practice & Enterprise
- 3 cr. LA 522: Advanced Plant Technology
- 14 cr. Subtotal

### Advocacy/Planning/Policy

- 3 cr. LA 594: environmental justice in built environments
- 3 cr. Planning Elective\*\*
- 6 cr. Subtotal

### 9 cr. Concentration Electives†

3cr. LA Elective\*

3 cr. Elective††

15 cr. Subtotal

**80 cr. Total**

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## Approved Distributional Electives:

### LA History elective (3 cr.)

Courses offered on term by term basis

LA 578D: Landscape Architecture: History

LA 590D: Special topics: History

### Planning elective (3 cr.)

CRP 566: Planning Policy

CRP 568: Planning & Development

CRP 591: Environmental Law and Planning

CRP 592: Land Use and development Regulation Law

### LA Elective\* (3 cr.)

Any LA course of 400-level and above

### Concentration Track Electives (9 cr.) †

0-3 cr. max from LA courses, including LA Independent study

6-9 cr. concentration track electives from approved list on separate sheet

		Related tracks
1.	Theory/History/Urbanism	MLA/MUD
2.	Advocacy/Planning/Policy	MLA/CRP
3.	Technology/Ecology/Materiality	MLA/M Des SE

### Elective†† (3 cr.)

Non-LA course from college or university courses (incl. LA 509: Field Trip, up to 2 cr.)