

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (M.L.A.)

The ESF Department of Landscape Architecture offers a range of degree options at the Masters and Ph.D. level.

Master of Landscape Architecture

The degree is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB).

A three-year program for students who have no design or planning background leads to the fully accredited professional degree of Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.). This program is for students who intend to complete coursework full time. Applicants with a related design or planning degree may enter the three-year program with advanced standing.

The M.L.A. program, for the student seeking a first professional degree in landscape architecture, is a tightly structured curriculum because it includes the prerequisite course work that qualifies the graduate to take the Landscape Architecture Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.).

Program Requirements

LSA 500

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LSA 600

LSA 601

LSA 605

LSA 611

LSA 615

LSA 620

LSA 632

LSA 633

LSA 640

LSA 645

LSA 650

LSA 651

LSA 655

LSA 670

LSA 697

LSA 700

LSA 799

LSA 800

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Final Integrative Experience

M.L.A. students must complete an integrative experience. Students must participate in the capstone studio and complete a 6-credit independent design project during the final semester of the program. M.L.A. students must disseminate the results of their integrative studies through capstone seminars.

The M.L.A. program requires 70 credit hours.

M.S. in Landscape Architecture

The M.S. in Landscape Architecture program serves the advanced professional, and therefore, course requirements do not address foundation professional courses in landscape architecture. The student, in consultation with the major professor and steering committee, has great flexibility in developing a program of study suited to career goals in the chosen area of study.

Program Requirements

LSA 640

LSA 697

LSA 799

LSA 899

Students may register for LSA 899 Master's Research as necessary for completion up to the time limit of the M.S. program. Minimum of 6 credits required.

Final Integrative Experience

M.S. students must complete an integrative experience and must complete a thesis (6 credits). The thesis may be research in which new, original knowledge is generated, it may be a study that focuses on the application of existing knowledge to a new situation, or it may combine both elements. Students must disseminate the results of their integrative studies through capstone seminars.

Doctoral Level Studies

Doctoral level studies in landscape architecture may be tailored in connection with the interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in the Graduate Program in Environmental Science (GPES). Please see The Division of Environmental Science section of this catalog.