

B.L.A./M.S. FAST TRACK

This option is available to outstanding fourth-year bachelor of landscape architecture students and provides the opportunity to receive both the bachelor of landscape architecture and master of science degrees during a six-year period at the College. Students who apply must have a minimum 3.000 GPA and are accepted into the program during the fall semester of the fourth year of the bachelor of landscape architecture program. The transition between the bachelor of landscape architecture and master of science curriculum requirements begins in the fall of the fifth year. The B.L.A. degree is awarded on completion of all professional requirements and a minimum of 141 credit hours. The M.S. degree is awarded after the completion of 30 graduate credits and successful completion of a research thesis. Depending on the student's needs and research interests, there are two options available for pursuing an off-campus semester or a field research component. The first option (option A) allows students to pursue the off-campus semester with their undergraduate peers. The second option (option B) links the off-campus semester to graduate field research for their theses.

Fast-Track Option A – Summer start

Fourth Year, Summer option only

LSA 458	Off-Camp:Adv Visit,Wkly Rpts	4
LSA 459	Off-Camp:Dsgn Journal/Proj Ntb	4
LSA 460	Off-Camp:Thesis Project	7

Fifth Year (25-28 credits)

LSA 455	Prof Prac/Lndscpe Arch	3
LSA 461	Off-Camp Final Present Sem	1
LSA 470	Thematic Land Dsgn Studio	6
OR		
LSA 670	Thematic Land Dsgn Studio	6
LSA 596	Spec Topics/Lndscpe Arch	1 - 3
LSA 640	Research Methods	3
LSA 697	Topics+Issues/Land Arch	1
LSA 799	Capstone/Thesis Prop Dev	3
	Directed Electives	6 - 9

B.L.A. program completed with a minimum of 141 credits earned

Sixth Year (12-24 credits)

LSA 899	Masters Thesis Research	1 - 12
	Directed Electives	6 - 12

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

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Fast-Track Option B – Fall start

Fifth Year (24-27 credits)

LSA 455	Prof Prac/Lndscpe Arch	3
LSA 470	Thematic Land Dsgn Studio	6
OR		
LSA 670	Thematic Land Dsgn Studio	6
LSA 596	Spec Topics/Lndscpe Arch	1 - 3
LSA 625	Orient/Experientl Studio	2
LSA 640	Research Methods	3
LSA 697	Topics+Issues/Land Arch	1
	Directed Electives	6 - 9

Fifth Year, Summer (6-12 credits)

LSA 760	Off-Camp Experient Studio	12
OR		
LSA 798	Research Problem	1 - 12

6 credits of LSA 798 may be taken to fulfill this requirement. LSA 760 or LSA 798 must be linked to thesis.

B.L.A. program completed with a minimum of 141 credits

Sixth Year (18-24 credits)

LSA 899	Masters Thesis Research	1 - 12
	Graduate-level Directed Electives	6 - 12

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