

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, MLA & URBAN PLANNING, MUP

for the degrees of Master of Landscape Architecture and Master of Urban Planning

For the joint program, at least 40 hours must be in Urban Planning, including all core courses and capstone requirements. The two programs must total a minimum of the sum of 40 Urban Planning hours plus the required number of hours for the Master of Landscape Architecture, 48. At its discretion, Landscape Architecture may count up to 8 hours of Urban Planning courses as electives in meeting its degree requirements as long as the student is required to take no fewer than 40 additional hours in Landscape Architecture. The MUP capstone requirement may be waived for a thesis completed in Landscape Architecture provided faculty from both programs participate on the thesis committee.

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Programs of Study (<http://www.landarch.illinois.edu/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Master of Urban Planning in Urban Planning

Code	Title	Hours
UP 501	Planning History and Theory	4
UP 503	Physical Planning	4
UP 504	Urban History and Theory	4
UP 505	Urban and Regional Analysis	2
UP 510	Plan Making	4
UP 511	Law and Planning	4
UP 590	Professional Internship (reduces the hours needed to graduate by 4)	0
Recommended concentration/electives		32
Non-Thesis Option		
UP 591	Capstone Seminar (enrollment required for 0 hours one term & 4 hours one term)	4
UP 598	Master's Project (min/max applied toward degree)	4
Thesis Option		
UP 591	Capstone Seminar (enrollment required for two semesters)	0
UP 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	8
Total Hours		64

Master of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture: Post-Professional

For students who have completed a BLA in an LAAB Accredited Program. Typically completed in 2 years.

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
Studio		
LA 533	Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534	Design Workshop G-I	5
Thesis		
LA 599	Thesis Research	10
Additional Seminars and Coursework		
LA 482	Advanced Communication in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513	History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	3
Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor		
Social/Cultural Aspects of Design		
Ecology		
Method		
Total Minimum Hours		48

Advanced Studio Option

Code	Title	Hours
Studio		
LA 533	Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534	Design Workshop G-I	5
LA 537	Planning & Design Studio II	5
LA 539	Design Workshop G-II	5
Additional Seminars and Coursework		
LA 482	Advanced Communication in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513	History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	3
Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor		
Social/Cultural Aspects of Design		
Ecology		
Method		
Total Minimum Hours		48

Master of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture: Pre-Professional

For students who have not completed a BLA in an LAAB Accredited program, an undergraduate degree in a design field such as Architecture, and students with no design undergraduate degree. Typically completed in 2.5-3 years.

Code	Title	Hours
The following coursework is required of MLA students in the Pre-Professional degree program. These courses do not count toward the graduate degree.		
LA 241	Landform Design & Construction	3
LA 250	Environmental Site Analysis	3
LA 280	Design Communications I	3
LA 281	Design Communications II	3
LA 342	Site Engineering	4
LA 343	Landscape Construction	4
LA 346	Professional Practice	2
LA 352	Woody Landscape Plants	4

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
Studio		
LA 433	Graduate Foundation Studio	5
LA 434	Graduate Site Design Studio	5
LA 533	Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534	Design Workshop G-I	5

Thesis

LA 599	Thesis Research	10
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Additional Seminars/Coursework

LA 452	Planting Design	3
LA 482	Advanced Communication in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513	History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	3

Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor

Social/Cultural Factors in Design		
Ecology		
Method		
Total Minimum Hours		48

Advanced Studio Option

Code	Title	Hours
Studio		
LA 433	Graduate Foundation Studio	5
LA 434	Graduate Site Design Studio	5
LA 533	Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534	Design Workshop G-I	5
LA 537	Planning & Design Studio II	5
LA 539	Design Workshop G-II	5
Additional Seminars/Coursework		
LA 452	Planting Design	3
LA 482	Advanced Communication in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513	History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	3

Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor

Social/Cultural Factors in Design	
Ecology	
Method	
Total Minimum Hours	48

Other Requirements for Joint MLA and MUP degrees

Requirement	Description
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Other requirements may overlap

Enrollment in each program at least 2 semesters

Minimum 400-500 level hours within 24 LA

Minimum 500-level hours required overall for MLA 18

Minimum hours within UP 40

Minimum 500-level hours required overall for MUP 16 (12 in UP)

Up to 8 hours of UP coursework will be applied to the LA degree.

The MUP capstone requirement may be waived for a thesis completed in Landscape Architecture provided faculty from both programs participate on the thesis committee.

If pursuing the MLA thesis option, the thesis committee chair must be full-time in Landscape Architecture and one committee member must be from Urban Planning.

Minimum GPA 3.0

Code	Title	Hours
Total Minimum Hours		80

Landscape Architecture will count up to 8 hours of Urban Planning courses as electives in meeting its 48 credit hours of degree requirements as long as the student is required to take no fewer than 40 additional hours in Landscape Architecture. The two programs must total a minimum of the sum of 40 Urban Planning hours plus 40 hours for the Master of Landscape Architecture.

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MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING

To be consistent with our accreditation requirements, we are using the Knowledge, Skills, and Values identified by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) as desired outcomes for planning education.

A.1. General planning knowledge:

1. Purpose and Meaning of Planning:
2. Planning Theory:
3. Planning Law:

4. Human Settlements and History of Planning:
5. The Future:
6. Global Dimensions of Planning

A.2. Planning skills:

1. Research Written, Oral and Graphic Communication:
2. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods:
3. Plan Creation and Implementation: is able to use Planning Process Methods:
4. Leadership

A.3. Values and ethics

1. Professional Ethics and Responsibility:
2. Governance and Participation:
3. Sustainability and Environmental Quality:
4. Growth and Development: Social Justice

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

This can be substituted with the learning outcomes of the LAAB Accreditation.

Master of Landscape Architecture students will have:

1. Knowledge and skills in process, principles, and theories of design in landscape architecture
2. Knowledge of histories and theories of the art and science of landscape architecture
3. Knowledge of plants, ecosystems, and climate science
4. Knowledge of resilience and landscape performance
5. Knowledge of the legal context of the landscape architecture profession
6. Knowledge of professional practice
7. Skills in the application of assessment and analysis of site context and suitability of program, data, and other criteria in site design and planning
8. Skills in developing design concepts, material detailing, and construction, including accessibility
9. Skills in design communication with diverse audiences, including verbal, visual, and written forms
10. Knowledge of construction materials and methods, including the use of specifications, construction techniques, material selections, and preparation of relevant documents
11. Knowledge and skills of landform, engineering, and green infrastructure to facilitate ecological design, safety, and accessibility
12. Knowledge of landscape performance, including the quantifiable assessment of benefits of landscape design
13. Skills in collaboration, including interdisciplinary teams, and application of knowledge from different disciplines into design
14. Knowledge and skills in research theories and methods, research ethics, and the understanding of research as it affects the current and future practice of the profession

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Landscape Architecture

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College of Fine & Applied Arts

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Admissions

Masters of Urban Planning Program Admissions & Requirements (<https://urban.illinois.edu/programs-applying/master-urban-planning/how-to-apply-mup/>)

Grad College Admissions & Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)

Overview of Joint Degree Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/sites/grad.illinois.edu/files/pdfs/handbook.pdf>) see[Part II, section 3.5]