LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, MLA

for the degree of Master of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture

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overview of admissions & requirements: https://landarch.illinois.edu/mla-program/

overview of grad college admissions & requirements: https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply

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Graduate Degree Programs in Landscape Architecture

Landscape Architecture, MLA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/landscape-arch/#masterstext)
optional concentration: Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ias/concentration/medieval-studies)
joint programs: Landscape Architecture, MLA & Urban Planning, MUP (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/joint-degree/landscape-architecture-mla-urban-planning-mup)

The Department of Landscape Architecture the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree and the PhD degree. The programs enable students to gain fresh insights and to conduct new research pertaining to land and its use by people. Courses and faculty research activities range from on-site to regional scales, and include environmental planning and design as well as community design, cultural heritage, and history.

The MLA is an accredited first professional degree. Students may pursue specialized areas that reflect their interests and career aspirations. This may include ecological design, community design, and cultural heritage history and design. Joint MLA/MUP is available.

Admission

The Graduate College admission requirements apply. Students are admitted on an individual basis according to a review of their prior accomplishments with an emphasis on academic achievement. MLA candidates from undergraduate design programs must submit portfolios with applications to the MLA program. Candidates without undergraduate preparation in landscape architecture will be admitted on limited status and must complete undergraduate prerequisite courses in addition to graduate work. All students must begin their studies in the fall semester.

Financial Aid

Students compete for fellowships, assistantships and tuition/service fee waivers. Some awards are determined during admissions review and students are informed through the acceptance letter. There are also some financial aid opportunities during the course of study (e.g., semester-long TA positions when available).

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Master of Landscape Architecture-Thesis Option

Specific courses to be taken are determined in consultation with an adviser. Some students complete a master’s thesis (LA 599), others develop a specialization through additional coursework.

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Coursework

Additional undergraduate coursework will be required of students without a BLA. These prerequisites do not count toward the graduate degree.

Internship required 0

Total Hours 48

Other Requirements

Requirement | Description
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Internship required | 
Other requirements may overlap | 
Minimum Hours Required Within the 48 Unit: | 
Minimum 500-level Hours Required | 24
Overall: | 
Minimum GPA: | 3.0

Master of Landscape Architecture-Specialization Option

Specific courses to be taken are determined in consultation with an adviser. Students develop a specialization through elective coursework and design studios. In their final semester, they prepare a document that describes their specialization.

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Coursework, including specialization electives 2 30

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Information listed in this catalog is current as of 03/2020
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1. For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Handbook (http://www.landarch.illinois.edu) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

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