LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Landscape Architecture

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overview of admissions & requirements: http://phd.faa.illinois.edu/application/index.html (http://phd.faa.illinois.edu/application/index.html)
overview of grad college admissions & requirements: https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply (https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply)
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Graduate Degree Programs in Landscape Architecture

- Landscape Architecture, MLA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/landscape-architecture-mla/#masterstext)
- Sustainable Urban Design, MSUD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/sustainable-urban-design-msud/)
- Heritage Studies Graduate Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/minor/heritage-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 offers the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree, the Master of Sustainable Urban Design degree (MSUD), 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. The PhD program is jointly administered with the School of Architecture and emphasizes both interdisciplinary study and cross-disciplinary inquiry. Areas of concentration include history and theory; technology and environment; and behavioral and cultural factors in design. Before submitting an application, students should consult the department website for information regarding the specific areas of study and the time needed to complete the requirements.

Several faculty members in the department also participate in the doctoral program administered by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. See the program description under Regional Planning, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/regional-planning-phd/) for more information.

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. The doctoral program prefers candidates with master’s degrees: MLA, MArch, or related fields such as art history, ecology, geography, or planning. All graduate students must begin their studies in the fall semester.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in the PhD program.

Financial Aid

Students compete for fellowships, tuition and service fee waivers, and assistantships. Selection is based on the academic achievement and qualifications of the student.