LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - M.L.A. I

College of Architecture and Environmental Design
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About This Program

Looking to make a real difference in the world with your design skills? The M.L.A. professional degree will provide you with the tools you need to become a creative and effective leader in the field of landscape architecture. Our inclusive and interdisciplinary design methodologies prepare you to study matters of global significance, such as the reclamation of urban vacancies, the design of infrastructural systems, the preservation of natural resources and the pursuit of social justice and cultural landscapes. Join us and shape a better future. Read more...

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Cleveland

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Landscape architects

- -2.4% decline
- 24,500 number of jobs
- $70,630 potential earnings

Architecture teachers, postsecondary

- 5.1% faster than the average
- 8,500 number of jobs
- $90,880 potential earnings

Urban and regional planners

- 11.0% much faster than the average
- 39,700 number of jobs
- $75,950 potential earnings

Additional Careers

- Landscape architectural project managers

Accreditation

The M.L.A. I degree is an accredited program through the Landscape Architecture Accrediting Board (LAAB) as of fall 2018.

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Curriculum vitae
- Goal statement
- Portfolio of design work
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:[1]
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 DET score

[1] International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Application deadline: February 1

All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
LARC 50100	DESIGN VISUALIZATION	3
LARC 50101	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO I [1]	6
LARC 50102	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO II [1]	6
LARC 60103	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO III	6
LARC 60104	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO IV	6
LARC 60105	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO V	6
LARC 60106	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO VI [2]	6
LARC 60111	LANDSCAPE HISTORY AND THEORY	3
LARC 60301	SITE ENGINEERING	3
LARC 60401	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CONSTRUCTION METHODS	3
LARC 60601	PLANTS AND PLANTED FORM	3
LARC 60602	URBAN ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS	3
LARC 60922	METHODS OF INQUIRY IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES	2

LARC 60923	EMPIRICAL RESEARCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	1
LARC 65003	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: LEADERSHIP, ETHICS AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT	3
Cognate Electives, choose from the following:		12
ARCH 55295	SPECIAL TOPICS TOPICS IN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY	
BSCI 50162	SOIL BIOLOGY	
BSCI 50170	STREAM BIOLOGY	
BSCI 50364	LIMNOLOGY	
BSCI 50368	WETLAND ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT	
BSCI 50374	CONSERVATION BIOLOGY	
BSCI 50375	ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT	
BSCI 50525	WILDLIFE RESOURCES	
BSCI 60372	COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS	
BSCI 60391	SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY	
EHS 53009	EMERGING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND RESPONSE	
EHS 62018	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONCEPTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH	
ESCI 51073	GEOLOGY OF OHIO	
ESCI 51077	GEOLOGY OF THE NATIONAL PARKS	
GEOG 51066	GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE	
GEOG 51073	CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES	
GEOG 51074	RESOURCE GEOGRAPHY	
GEOG 51082	GEOGRAPHY OF SOILS	
GEOG 52052	HEALTH GEOGRAPHY	
GEOG 54010	GEOGRAPHIES OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT	
GEOG 55085	URBAN TRANSPORTATION	
GEOG 56070	URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING	
GEOG 59070	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE	
GEOG 59076	SPATIAL PROGRAMMING	
GEOG 59080	ADVANCED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE	
GEOG 59162	CARTOGRAPHY	
GEOG 59230	REMOTE SENSING	
GEOG 60191	SEMINAR IN TOPICAL GEOGRAPHY	
GEOG 60800	SEMINAR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC THOUGHT	
GEOG 69004	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN GEOGRAPHY	
GEOG 69701	RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION OF GEOGRAPHIC DATA	
HCD 63002	HEALTHCARE FACILITIES	
HCD 63003	ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS IN HEALTHCARE	
LARC 50095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	
LARC 60798	MASTER PROJECT IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RESEARCH	
LARC 66992	FIELD STUDY IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	
RPTM 56070	PARK PLANNING	
UD 55705	FORCES THAT SHAPE CITIES	
UD 65101	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS	
UD 65102	URBAN SYSTEMS	
UD 65632	URBAN ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS	
UD 66995	SPECIAL TOPICS IN URBAN DESIGN	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**72**

[1] Students with strong qualifications holding a prior design degree may be considered for advanced placement with up to 12 credit hours waived for the degree. Eligibility for advanced placement is reviewed on a case-by-case basis at the time of admission, in accordance with an evaluation matrix developed by the program coordinator and the admissions committee. Students who are deemed eligible to have course requirements waived may graduate with fewer than 72 credit hours, but no fewer than 60 total credit hours.

[2] Students may replace LARC 60106 with LARC 60799 with advisor approval.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Pursue careers in landscape architecture.
2. Synthesize higher-level learning necessary to practice landscape architecture; and develop critical understanding through increased independent, collaborative, interdisciplinary and course-based research.
3. Establish a design process that is firmly based upon research, technology and artistic expression.
4. Appraise and understand geo-cultural differences and develop skills to engage local phenomena.

Full Description

The Master of Landscape Architecture I degree in Landscape Architecture is a professional program that prepares graduates for active, creative and leadership roles in landscape architecture profession through inclusive and interdisciplinary design methodologies that are focused on issues surrounding urban landscapes, ecologies and social concerns.

Students are engaged in issues — ranging from hydrology in the Great Lakes and Ohio River Basins watershed to the role of urban landscapes associated with industrial cities. In addition, they study matters of global significance relating to the role of landscape and design relative to reclamation of urban vacancies, infrastructural systems, natural resources, climate change, water quality for health and social justice and cultural landscapes.

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.