



Twin Cities Campus

Landscape Architecture M.L.A.

Landscape Architecture, Scl of

College of Design

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Length of program in credits: 57 to 89
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- N/A
- Degree: Master of Landscape Architecture

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The master of landscape architecture (MLA) is a first-professional degree required for students who wish to become licensed professional landscape architects. The program is accredited by the national Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB). The curriculum introduces students to the practice and discipline of landscape architecture, providing them with the artistic, technical, cognitive, and communication skills, in addition to the scientific and aesthetic knowledge, necessary to practice in the profession and in related environmental fields. Students are encouraged to select from electives offered to develop a special focus or to explore more areas in depth.

The MLA program (MLA I) is a three-year, 89-credit degree. Coursework exposes students to the broad field of landscape architecture as both a discipline and a profession. Classes are collaborative in nature and challenge students to delve into landscape issues that cut across multiple systems and scales. Because the core of the curriculum is six design studios, organized in a sequential framework, a commitment to three successive years in the program is essential.

Applicants with accredited professional baccalaureate degrees in landscape architecture or architecture may be considered for the advanced-standing MLA degree (MLA II). The MLA II requires at least 58 credits of design studio, research methods, and elective courses.

Accreditation

This program is accredited by Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB)

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

MLA program applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree.

Special Application Requirements:

Students are admitted for fall semester only. MLA program applicants must apply by January 15, for entry the following fall, to receive first consideration for admission, fellowships, and assistantships. In addition to the University's admission requirements, applicants must submit an electronic portfolio in 8.5 x 11 PDF format. GRE scores are not required; however, they can be helpful to applicants seeking national fellowships such as the Fulbright Scholarship. Please refer to the MLA website for detailed information regarding department specific application requirements and procedures, including a downloadable checklist, at <http://landarch.design.umn.edu/prog/index.html>.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL



- Internet Based - Total Score: 86
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
 - Final score: 80

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan C: Plan C requires 51 to 83 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. There is no final exam. A capstone project is required.
Capstone Project: See department for more details.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 2.8 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Core Coursework

All MLA I and MLA II students must take the following courses for a total of 36 credits. LA 8206 must be taken twice.

- [LA 5131](#) - Geospatial Data Analysis and Design (3.0 cr)
- [LA 5202](#) - Landscape Analysis Workshop (1.0 cr)
- [LA 8206](#) - Making Urban Landscape Space (6.0 cr)
- [LA 8301](#) - Landscape Architecture: Research Issues and Methods (3.0 cr)
- [LA 8302](#) - Professional Practice (3.0 cr)
- [LA 8554](#) - Project Programming (2.0 cr)
- [LA 8555](#) - Advanced Landscape Planning and Design (6.0 cr)
- [LA 8773](#) - Landscape Infrastructure and Systems III (3.0 cr)
- [LA 8774](#) - Landscape Infrastructure and Systems IV (3.0 cr)

Outside Electives

All MLA I and MLA II students must take at least 6 of their elective credits outside of landscape architecture. Students may choose any 5000-level or above course. Preferred electives include ARCH 5711, ARCH 5721, ARCH 5756, DES 5165, ESPM 5071, PA 5004, PA 5013, PA 5211, PA 5231.

MLA I and MLA II Program Options

The MLA I is a 3-year program. The MLA II is a 2-year program for students with an accredited undergraduate degree or who receive advanced standing.

MLA I Requirements

Additional Course Requirements

MLA I students must take the following courses for 32 credits:

- [LA 5201](#) - Making Landscape Spaces and Types (6.0 cr)
- [LA 5203](#) - Ecological Dimensions of Space Making (6.0 cr)
- [LA 5204](#) - Metropolitan Landscape Ecology (3.0 cr)
- [LA 5376](#) - Representation I (4.0 cr)
- [LA 5377](#) - Representation II (4.0 cr)
- [LA 5413](#) - Introduction to Landscape Architectural History (3.0 cr)
- [LA 5771](#) - Landscape Infrastructure and Systems I (3.0 cr)
- [LA 5772](#) - Landscape Infrastructure Systems II (3.0 cr)

Additional Required Coursework

MLA I students may participate in the Cities on the Water study abroad option, with the approval of their advisor and the director of graduate studies. Students choosing the study abroad option take 6 credits of LA 8207, 3 credits of LA 5381, 3 credits of LA 5414, and 3 credits of LA 5761 for a total of 15 credits. Students who do not choose the study abroad option take LA 8205 for 6 credits plus 9 credits of electives for a total of 15 credits.

Cities on Water--Study Abroad Option

MLA I students may participate in the Cities on the Water study abroad option, with the approval of their advisor and the director of graduate studies. Students choosing the study abroad option take 6 credits of LA 8207, 3 credits of LA 5381, 3 credits of LA 5414, and 3 credits of LA 5761 for a total of 15 credits.

- [LA 5381](#) - The City in Visual Culture (3.0 cr)
- [LA 5414](#) - Study Abroad: History and Culture (0.0 - 3.0 cr)



[LA 5761](#) - Infrastructure + Culture (3.0 cr)

[LA 8207](#) - Cities on Water International Workshop (6.0 cr)

or **Students Not Studying Abroad**

Students who do not choose the study abroad option take LA 8205 for 6 credits plus 9 credits of electives for a total of 15 credits.

[LA 8205](#) - Urban Form Options: Landscape Architecture Studio (6.0 cr)

Electives for Students Not Studying Abroad

MLA I students not choosing to study abroad take at least 9 elective credits that term along with 6 credits of LA 8205. Students may choose any 5000-level or above course. Preferred electives include ARCH 5711, ARCH 5721, ARCH 5756, DES 5165, ESPM 5071, PA 5004, PA 5013, PA 5211, PA 5231

-OR-

MLA II Requirements

Cities on Water--Study Abroad Option

MLA II students may participate in the Cities on the Water study abroad option, with adviser and director of graduate studies approval. Students choosing the study abroad option take 6 credits of LA 8207, 3 credits of LA 5381, 3 credits of LA 5414, and 3 credits of LA 5761 for a total of 15 credits.

[LA 8207](#) - Cities on Water International Workshop (6.0 cr)

[LA 5381](#) - The City in Visual Culture (3.0 cr)

[LA 5414](#) - Study Abroad: History and Culture (0.0 - 3.0 cr)

[LA 5761](#) - Infrastructure + Culture (3.0 cr)

or **Students Not Studying Abroad**

Those not choosing to study abroad take 6 credits of LA 8205, 4 credits of LA 5377, and 6 credits of electives for a total of 16 credits.

[LA 8205](#) - Urban Form Options: Landscape Architecture Studio (6.0 cr)

[LA 5377](#) - Representation II (4.0 cr)

Electives for Students Not Studying Abroad

MLA II students not choosing to study abroad take 6 credits of electives. Students may choose any 5000-level or above course.

Preferred electives include ARCH 5711, ARCH 5721, ARCH 5756, DES 5165, ESPM 5071, PA 5004, PA 5013, PA 5211, PA 5231.

Joint- or Dual-degree Coursework: MLA/MS-Architecture Student may take a total of 24 credits in common among the academic programs.