Landscape Architecture (BLA)

As a landscape architecture major you'll combine science and art to design positive change in environments and communities around the world. Learn how to draw, the principles of ecological design, and how to present your ideas using specialized software and technologies. Collaborate with local communities to design parks and gardens that foster social development and environmental awareness. All you need is a desire to create something new—the landscape architecture department will show you how to do the rest.

You'll learn how to create outdoor spaces that take people's needs and the ecological context into account. Explore the connections between design and planning, theory and practice, art and technology, school and the "real world," head and hand, and large scale and small scale. Enrollment in the landscape architecture department starts with a pre-major status (https://archenvironment.uoregon.edu/landarch/undergraduate/). Once you are on campus, you will be advised on how and when to declare the landscape architecture major.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Show competency in understanding and deploying analytical tools used in the practice of Landscape Architecture.
- Understand range of design and building solutions to environmental problems and changing climate.
- Demonstrate graphic competency for landscape.

Landscape Architecture Premajor

UO students interested in landscape architecture should first declare as a premajor. Current UO students may change their premajor to landscape architecture at any time during their undergraduate years. Landscape architecture premajors receive departmental advising, priority registration, and departmental communications. The department also offers scholarships and funded field studies opportunities exclusively for such students.

Premajor Advising. Landscape architecture premajors are strongly encouraged to meet with the BLA director or the School of Architecture and Environment advisor in 210 Lawrence Hall to receive assistance with applications, gain information about the program, or check on their academic progress and completion of premajor requirements.

Listserver for Premajors. Once students declare the premajor, their UO email addresses are added to the landscape architecture undergraduate listserver, which is used for sharing important departmental information and posts that may be of interest to undergraduate premajors and majors.

Applications. Students in the premajor or landscape architecture minor, or UO applicants with evidence of design background, may apply to the BLA degree at any time prior to entering Landscape Architectural Design and Process (LA 439) studios, which are restricted to BLA students.

UO applicants with little or no design background should enter the premajor.

Current School of Architecture and Environment majors (architecture, interior architecture) in good-standing (2.50 minimum GPA), may enter the BLA program without a formal application. These students should discuss their degree plan with the BLA director, who will confirm enrollment with the School of Architecture and Environment advising staff.

Students who wish to enter the BLA program must meet the requirements below, complete lower-division course work, and complete a separate application to the BLA prior to entering the Landscape Architectural Design and Process (LA 439) studios.

- Cumulative UO GPA of 2.50 or better
- Requirements listed below must be passed with at least a C– or P or P*.
- Satisfactory completion of the following:
  - Lower-division core courses: Understanding Landscapes (LA 260) or Introduction to Landscape Architecture (LA 227)
  - Introductory design studios Landscape Architectural Design (LA 289) (Winter and Spring) ***or*** Architectural Design I (ARCH 283) and Architectural Design II (ARCH 284)
  - Digital Landscape Media (LA 352)
- Satisfactory completion of one basic ecology or natural systems course

Applications may be submitted prior to completion of the premajor requirements. The department admits students fall, winter, and spring terms. Admission to the BLA is effective the following term. The deadline to apply falls on the Friday of the fourth week.

To be considered for admission to the major, students must complete and submit the following materials through the online SlideRoom applicant tracking system:

- Application form
- Landscape architecture premajor checklist, available as a PDF on the department website or in hard-copy form in 210 Lawrence Hall
- Portfolio of design and art work, completed in the Landscape Architectural Design (LA 289) studios,or media courses, or elsewhere

Prospective applicants may find information about the program and application requirements on the department website.

Landscape Architecture Major Requirements

Requirements for the BLA degree (including university requirements) total 180 credits. Courses required for the major must passed with a grade of at least C– or P or P*. Studio courses are pass/no pass only; students must pass each studio to progress to the next studio level.

Code	Title	Credits
Landscape Architecture Design Studios		
LA 289	Landscape Architectural Design (two studios)	12
LA 439	Landscape Architectural Design and Process (three studios)	18
LA 489	Site Planning and Design (three studios)	18
LA 498	Comprehensive Project I	6
LA 499	Comprehensive Project II	8
Landscape Architecture Materials + Construction		

LA 462	Professional Practice Landscape Architecture	2
LA 464	Landscape Materials and Construction I	4
LA 465	Landscape Materials and Construction II	4
LA 466	Landscape Materials and Construction III	4
Landscape Analysis + Planning		
LA 413	Analyzing Landscape Systems	4
LA 415	Computers in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 440	Introduction to Landscape Planning Analysis	4
LA 441	Principles of Applied Ecology	4
History + Theory of Landscape Architecture		
LA 260	Understanding Landscapes [1]	4
LA 474	History of Landscape Architecture I	4
LA 475	History of Landscape Architecture II	4
LA 472	Landscape Architectural Theory: [Topic]	4
Landscape Architecture Media		
LA 352	Digital Landscape Media	2
LA 451	Landscape Media I	2
LA 452	Landscape Media II	2
LA 453	Landscape Media III	2
Electives [2]		**16**
Total Credits		**132**

1 Students admitted to Pre-LA in Winter or Spring terms may take LA 227 instead of LA 260

2 To fulfill the electives for the major, the department will accept any course (200 level or above) that is offered within the School of Architecture and Environment. Alternative courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor and are typically found within the College of Design but may be found in the Department of Geography or the Environmental Studies Program.
Additional elective courses may be necessary to meet the credit requirement for the major.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

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Course	Title	Credits Milestones
First Year		
Fall		
LA 260	Understanding Landscapes	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
Core-education course in social science		4
Subject area elective (ARCH 201 or IARC 204 recommended)		4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
LA 289	Landscape Architectural Design	6
WR 122Z or WR 123	Composition II or College Composition III	4
Core-education course in science		4
	Credits	**14**
Spring		
LA 289	Landscape Architectural Design	6
LA 352	Digital Landscape Media	2-4
Core-education course in social science		4
Core-education course in science		4
	Credits	**16-18**
Second Year		
Fall		
LA 439	Landscape Architectural Design and Process	6
LA 413	Analyzing Landscape Systems	4
LA 451	Landscape Media I	2
LA 464	Landscape Materials and Construction I	4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
LA 439	Landscape Architectural Design and Process	6
LA 415	Computers in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 452	Landscape Media II	2
LA 465	Landscape Materials and Construction II	4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
LA 439	Landscape Architectural Design and Process	6
LA 440	Introduction to Landscape Planning Analysis	4
LA 453	Landscape Media III	2
LA 466	Landscape Materials and Construction III	4
	Credits	**16**
Third Year		
Fall		
LA 489	Site Planning and Design	6
LA 474	History of Landscape Architecture I	4
LA 441	Principles of Applied Ecology	4
	Credits	**14**
Winter		
LA 489	Site Planning and Design	6
LA 475	History of Landscape Architecture II	4
Core-education course in social science		4
Subject area elective (LA 450 recommended)		2
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
LA 489	Site Planning and Design	6
LA 472	Landscape Architectural Theory: [Topic]	4
Core-education course in arts & letters		4
	Credits	**14**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Core-education course in arts & letters		4

LA 498	Comprehensive Project I	6
Subject area elective		4
	Credits	**14**
Winter		
LA 499	Comprehensive Project II	8
LA 462	Professional Practice Landscape Architecture	2
Subject area elective		4
	Credits	**14**
Spring		
Core-educatioin course in science		4
Core-education course in global perspectives		4
Core-education course in US: DIA		4
Subject area elective		2
	Credits	**14**
	Total Credits	**180-182**