

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)
 - Introductory design studios Landscape Architectural Design (LA 289) **or** Architectural Design I (ARCH 283) and Architectural Design II (ARCH 284) for Fall entry into BLA
 - Design Skills 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 be 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 494	Land Planning and Design	6
LA 499	Comprehensive Project	8
Landscape Architecture Materials + Construction		

LA 462	Professional Practice Landscape Architecture	2
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	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 (Digital Landscape Media)	2
LA 451	Landscape Media I	2
LA 452	Landscape Media II	2
LA 453	Landscape Media III	2
Electives ¹		16
Total Credits		132

¹ 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 five years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
LA 260	Understand Landscapes	4	
University Requirements		12	
Credits		16	
Winter			
LA 289	Land Arch Design	6	
Ecology or Natural Science		4	
University Requirements		8	

Credits	18
Spring	
LA 289 Land Arch Design	6
LA 352 Landscape Media	4
University Requirements	6
Credits	
Total Credits	16
Total Credits	
	48

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
LA 439	LA Design and Process	6	
LA 451	Landscape Media I	2	
LA 413	Analyzing LA Systems	4	
LA 474	History of Landscape I	4	
Credits		16	
Winter			
LA 439	LA Design and Process	6	
LA 452	Landscape Media II	2	
LA 475	History of Landscape II	4	
LA 415	Computers in LA	4	
Credits		16	
Spring			
LA 439	LA Design and Process	6	
LA 453	Landscape Media III	2	
LA 440	Intro to Planning/Analysis	4	
LA 472 Topic: LA Theory		4	
Credits		14	
Total Credits		42	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
LA 489	Site Planning and Design	6	
LA 464	Materials and Construction I	4	
LA 441	Principles of Applied Ecology	4	
Consider study abroad or field school for the following summer			
Credits		14	
Winter			
LA 489	Site Planning and Design	6	
LA 465	Materials and Construction II	4	
LA 450	Advanced Landscape Media	2	
General Elective		4	

Meet with College of Design Student Services to discuss résumé and portfolio design and career planning

Credits **16**

Spring

LA 489 Site Planning and Design 6

LA 466 Materials and Construction III 4

University Electives 6

Credits **16**

Total Credits **48**

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Fourth Year

Fall

LA 494 Land Planning and Design 6

LA 490 Comp Project Prep 3

SAE Elective 4

Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals

Credits **13**

Winter

LA 488 Comprehensive Project 8

LA 462 Professional Practice in LA 2

SAE Elective 4

Apply for summer internships

Credits **14**

Spring

SAE Electives 8

Arts and Letters Elective 4

General Elective 4

Meet with advisor to discuss career plans

Credits **16**

Total Credits **48**