

Master in Landscape Architecture I

The curriculum of the three-year, accredited Master in Landscape Architecture professional degree program (MLA I) provides an intellectual base of knowledge in design, history, theory, ecology, technology, urbanism, and professional practice.

Individuals who have completed a four-year bachelor's degree with a major in any field of study are eligible for admission.

A candidate will be recommended for the Master in Landscape Architecture as a professional degree upon satisfactory completion of 120 units in the following course of study.

First Term

0 units GSD 1111 Pre-Term Workshop (August)
 8 units GSD 1111 Landscape Architecture I (studio)
 4 units GSD 2141 Landscape Representation I
 4 units GSD 4141 Histories of Landscape Architecture I
 4 units GSD 6141 Ecologies, Techniques, Technologies I

Second Term

0 units GSD 1112 Pre-Term Workshop (January)
 8 units GSD 1112 Landscape Architecture II (studio)
 4 units GSD 2142 Landscape Representation II
 4 units GSD 4142 Histories of Landscape Architecture II
 4 units GSD 6142 Ecologies, Techniques, Technologies II

Third Term

0 units GSD 1211 Pre-Term Workshop (August)
 8 units GSD 1211 Landscape Architecture III (studio)
 4 units GSD 2241 Landscape Representation III
 4 units GSD 3241 Theories of Landscape as Urbanism
 4 units GSD 6241 Ecologies, Techniques, Technologies III

Fourth Term

0 units GSD 1212 Pre-Term Workshop (January)
 8 units GSD 1212 Landscape Architecture IV (studio)
 4 units GSD 3242 Theories of Landscape Architecture
 4 units GSD 6242 Ecologies, Techniques, Technologies IV
 4 units distributional electives* or electives

Fifth Term

8 units Studio Option**
 4 units GSD 7241 Practices of Landscape Architecture
 8 units distributional electives* or electives
or
 8 units Studio Option**
 4 units GSD 7241 Practices of Landscape Architecture
 4 units GSD 9341 Preparation of Design Thesis Proposal
 4 units distributional electives* or electives

Sixth Term

8 units Studio Option**
 12 units distributional Electives* or electives
or
 12 units GSD 9342 Design Thesis in Landscape Architecture
 8 units distributional electives* or electives

* Distributional electives must be taken from two fields of study, to be selected from a list of approved courses issued by the department each year indicated as follows: 4 units of electives in landscape architecture representation, history, or theory; and 4 units of electives in ecologies or technologies.

** A minimum of one studio option must be taken from those offered by the Department of Landscape Architecture.

Master in Landscape Architecture I AP

Those who hold an accredited professional degree in architecture, or a pre-professional undergraduate degree in landscape architecture or architecture, and a strong design portfolio, may be granted advanced standing of up to two terms (MLA I AP), completing the MLA in two years. A candidate will be recommended for the MLA I AP upon completion of 80 units in the following course of study.

First Term

0 units GSD 1211 Pre-Term Workshop (August)
 8 units GSD 1211 Landscape Architecture III (studio)
 4 units GSD 2241 Landscape Representation III
 4 units GSD 3241 Theories of Landscape as Urbanism
 4 units GSD 6241 Ecologies, Techniques, Technologies III

Second Term

0 units GSD 1212 Pre-Term Workshop (January)
 8 units GSD 1212 Landscape Architecture IV (studio)
 4 units GSD 3242 Theories of Landscape Architecture
 4 units GSD 6242 Ecologies, Techniques, Technologies IV
 4 units GSD 6243 Ecologies, Techniques, Technologies V

Third Term

8 units Studio Option**
 4 units GSD 4141 Histories of Landscape Architecture I
 4 units GSD 7241 Practices of Landscape Architecture
 4 units distributional electives* *or* electives
or
 8 units Studio Option**
 4 units GSD 4141 Histories of Landscape Architecture I
 4 units GSD 7241 Practices of Landscape Architecture
 4 units GSD 9341 Preparation of Design Thesis Proposal***

Fourth Term

8 units Studio Option**
 4 units GSD 4142 Histories of Landscape Architecture II
 8 units distributional electives* *or* electives
or
 12 units GSD 9342 Design Thesis in Landscape Architecture
 4 units GSD 4142 Histories of Landscape Architecture II
 4 units distributional electives* *or* electives

* Distributional electives must be taken from two fields of study, to be selected from a list of approved courses issued by the department each year indicated as follows: 4 units of electives in landscape architecture representation, history, or theory; and 4 units of electives in ecologies or technologies.

** A minimum of one studio option must be taken from those offered by the Department of Landscape Architecture.

*** For AP candidates electing thesis, GSD 9341 serves as a Distributional Elective in representation, history, or theory.

Master in Landscape Architecture II

The two-year, post-professional Master in Landscape Architecture (MLA II) degree program is for those who hold an undergraduate professional landscape architecture degree or its equivalent. The MLA II augments that professional preparation with a particular emphasis on the design of the built environment at the intersection of urbanization and ecology, providing those who have already demonstrated professional competence with the opportunity to advance their critical, theoretical, representational, and technical skills through design. A candidate will be recommended for the Master in Landscape Architecture as a post-professional degree upon satisfactory completion of 80 units in the following course of study:

First Term

0 units GSD 1211 Pre-Term Workshop (August)
8 units GSD 1211 Landscape Architecture III (studio)
4 units GSD 2241 Landscape Representation III
4 units GSD 3241 Theories of Landscape as Urbanism
4 units GSD 9641 MLA Proseminar

Second Term

8 units Studio Option*
4 units GSD 3242 Theories of Landscape Architecture
8 units electives

Third Term

8 units Studio Option*
12 units electives
or
8 units Studio Option*
4 units GSD 9341 Preparation of Design Thesis Proposal
8 units electives

Fourth Term

8 units Studio Option*
12 units electives
or
12 units GSD 9342 Design Thesis in Landscape Architecture
8 units electives

* A minimum of one studio option must be taken from those offered by the Department of Landscape Architecture.