

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - BLA

The mission of the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) program is to prepare students to become professional landscape architects in the private and public sectors of practice.

We foster a learning environment of creativity and critical analysis that uses evidence-based design principles as its core. This approach builds upon the knowledge of natural and built environments and how humans interact within various cultural settings. Our BLA graduates use this knowledge to produce spatial solutions at multiple scales from site design to land use planning. This creative process aims to advance human health, and social, economic and environmental sustainability. The program strives to produce graduates motivated to be life-long learners capable of working independently and leading interdisciplinary teams in the field of landscape architecture.

Graduates from the BLA program are prepared for employment with private practice firms in landscape architecture, engineering, architecture, or planning; and with federal, state, or local government agencies. Upon graduation and with additional two-year practical experience students are qualified to pursue licensure in the profession or post graduate education in landscape architecture or a related field.

Because of the important role of computing in the disciplines housed within the College of Architecture, all entering students are required to possess a portable, network-ready personal computer capable of running software appropriate to their academic program. Financial aid is available to assist students in their computer purchases. No student will be denied admission to Texas A&M University based on an inability to purchase a computer. Additional information is available on the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning website.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ECCB 205	Fundamentals of Ecology	3
LAND 101	Introduction to Landscape Architectural Practice ¹	1
LAND 111	Landscape Architecture Communications I ¹	3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences ¹	3
URPN 202	Building Better Cities	3
URPN 220	Digital Communication I ¹	3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
LAND 112	Landscape Architectural Communications II ¹	3
LAND 240	History of Landscape Architecture	3
MATH 142	Business Calculus	3
URPN 320	Digital Communication II ¹	3

Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	4
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Semester Credit Hours 16

Second Year

Fall		
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
HORT 306	Trees and Shrubs for Sustainable Built Environments ¹	3
KINE 120	The Science of Basic Health and Fitness	1
LAND 211	Landscape Design I ¹	4
LAND 231	Landscape Construction I ¹	4

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

ARCH 250	Survey of World Architecture History II	3
HORT 308	Plants for Sustainable Landscapes ¹	3
LAND 212	Landscape Design II ¹	4
LAND 232	Landscape Construction II ¹	3
General elective ^{2,3}		3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Third Year

Fall		
LAND 301	Landscape Architecture Theory ¹	3
LAND 311	Landscape Design III ¹	5
POLS 206	American National Government	3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Urban planning elective ^{1,2,4}		3

Semester Credit Hours 17

Spring

ECCB 215	Fundamentals of Ecology–Laboratory	1
LAND 312	Landscape Design IV ¹	5
LAND 331	Landscape Construction III ¹	4
LAND 431	Professional Practice ¹	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Summer

ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	3
LAND 484	Summer Internship	0

Semester Credit Hours 3

Fourth Year

Fall		
Semester Away ⁵		
Select one of the following:		
CARC 301	Field Studies in Design Innovation ^{1,6}	
LAND 494	Internship ¹	
General elective ^{2,3,7}		6
Semester Credit Hours		12
Spring		
LAND 241	History and Development of Landscape Architecture in North America ¹	3
LAND 412	Landscape Design VI ¹	5

American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Cultural discourse ^{1,2,8}	3
Urban planning elective ^{1,2,4}	3
Semester Credit Hours	17
Total Semester Credit Hours	128

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.

² This course will be selected in consultation with the student's advisor.

³ Select from any 300-499 courses not used elsewhere.

⁴ Select from URPN 201, URPN 203, URPN 302, URPN 325, URPN 340, URPN 360, URPN 361, URPN 369, URPN 370, URPN 371, URPN 450, URPN 460, URPN 471, URPN 489.

⁵ Semester Away: May be satisfied by study abroad, at another university, internship, or special arrangement by advisor or instructor. Electives may be taken during summer, online, distance education, at another university or college, or at a study abroad university.

⁶ Study abroad course.

⁷ If electing to study abroad, must take CARC 311 and CARC 331 as an elective.

⁸ Select from any 100-499 course that meets the cultural discourse (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) graduation requirement.