DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING

Overview

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The Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning in the College of Architecture offers degrees in three distinct but related disciplines that take you all the way from working with community residents to envision their future to literally laying the groundwork for a new urban place. It is the only department of its kind in the nation—no place else offers this unique combination of disciplines.

PLAN. Urban planning is “the application of foresight to action,” according to former American Planning Association President Stuart Meck. Planners work with residents and stakeholders as facilitators and guides to identify a desired future. Planners apply analytical skills to assess current social, economic, and environmental conditions and identify needed changes to help a community move toward this future. They create tools—policies, programs, or projects—that allow the community to realize its plans. Planners must be excellent communicators, problem solvers, and spatial thinkers.

DESIGN. Landscape architecture is the profession which applies artistic and scientific principles to the research, planning, design and management of both natural and built environments (ASLA). Landscape architects assess the characteristics of the built and natural environment to design physical solutions that address both existing problems and future needs. As designers, landscape architects seek solutions that are both functional AND beautiful. They must understand both the natural and social ecology of the place. Landscape architecture blends both engineering and creativity to design places that enhance beauty and function and mitigate vulnerabilities and challenges.

DEVELOP. Land developers create building sites and/or the leased or owned space for those sites. They negotiate between cities, business owners, investors, and financiers to meet the demand for new structures and activities within a community. Developers must assess location, suitability, and market for particular parcels within a community to determine the appropriate use and cost for new residential, retail, commercial, or industrial development.

Undergraduate degrees include the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and the BS in Urban and Regional Planning. Professional degrees include the Master of Landscape Architecture, the Master of Urban Planning, and the Master in Land and Property Development. We also offer a doctorate in Urban and Regional Science. Dual degrees and articulated degrees (Bachelor + Masters) are available.

Masters

• Master of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture
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• Master of Urban Planning in Urban and Regional Planning
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Doctoral

• Doctor of Philosophy in Urban and Regional Science
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Certificates

• Sustainable Urbanism Certificate
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