

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 School 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
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
LAND 101	Introduction to Landscape Architectural Practice	1
LAND 111	Landscape Architecture Communications I	3
MATH 168	Finite Mathematics	3
URPN 220	Digital Communication I	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) ¹		3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
ARCH 250	Survey of World Architecture History II	3
LAND 112	Landscape Architectural Communications II	3
MATH 142	Business Calculus	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		5

General elective ²		3
Semester Credit Hours		17
Second Year		
Fall		
LAND 240	History of Landscape Architecture	3
LAND 211	Landscape Design I	4
LAND 231	Landscape Construction I	4
POLS 206	American National Government	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) ¹		3
Semester Credit Hours		17
Spring		
ECCB 205	Fundamentals of Ecology	3
ECCB 215	Fundamentals of Ecology-Laboratory	1
LAND 212	Landscape Design II	4
LAND 232	Landscape Construction II	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
Computer elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		17
Third Year		
Fall		
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	3
HORT 306	Trees and Shrubs for Sustainable Built Environments	3
LAND 241	History and Development of Landscape Architecture in North America	3
LAND 311	Landscape Design III	5
Select one of the following:		3
URPN 201	The Evolving City	
URPN 330	Land Development I	
URPN 370	Health Systems Planning	
Semester Credit Hours		17
Spring		
HORT 308	Plants for Sustainable Landscapes	3
LAND 301	Landscape Architecture Theory	3
LAND 312	Landscape Design IV	5
LAND 331	Landscape Construction III	4
URPN 202	Building Better Cities	3
Semester Credit Hours		18
Summer		
LAND 484	Summer Internship	0
Semester Credit Hours		0
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Semester Away ⁴		6
Select one of the following:		
CARC 301	Field Studies in Design Innovation ⁵	
LAND 494	Internship	
General elective ^{2, 6}		6
Semester Credit Hours		12

Spring

LAND 412	Landscape Design VI	5
LAND 431	Professional Practice	3
PHIL 314	Environmental Ethics ⁶	3
URPN 361 or URPN 460	Urban Issues or Sustainable Communities	3
Semester Credit Hours		14
Total Semester Credit Hours		128

¹ Any approved university core curriculum history course

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

³ URPN 320 or URPN 325 or approval of BLA Program Coordinator

⁴ 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.

⁵ Study abroad course.

⁶ If electing to study abroad, must take CARC 311 for PHIL 314 and CARC 331 as an elective.

A grade of C or better is required in ARCH, ARTS, CARC, COSC, ENDS, LAND, URPN, and VIST courses used to satisfy Landscape Architecture degree requirements.

Any student wishing to change majors into the Landscape Architecture program must have less than 60 total hours, including all transfer hours.