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

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| Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) | 5 |

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<td>HORT 306</td>
<td>Trees and Shrubs for Sustainable Built Environments</td>
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<td>History and Development of Landscape Architecture in North America</td>
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<td>URPN 361</td>
<td>Urban Issues</td>
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<td>or URPN 460</td>
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**Semester Credit Hours**  
14

**Total Semester Credit Hours**  
128

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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.