

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Professional Curriculum | High School Graduates + Transfer Students | Spring 2021

North Dakota State University | School of Design, Architecture + Art
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Gen Ed + Environmental Design Studies

First Year | Fall Semester

ENVD 101	Introduction To Environmental Design	3
ENVD 102	Drawing Basics For Environmental Designers	1
ENVD 130	Drawing Skills For Environmental Designers	3
ENGL 110	College Composition I	4
PSYC 111	Introduction To Psychology or	
SOC 110	Introduction To Sociology	3
	Gen Ed Science & Technology	3
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MLA Program

Second Year | Fall Semester

LA 231	Digital Media + Methods Technology	3
LA 271	Landform + Spacemaking Design Studio	6
ARCH 321	History + Theory Of Architecture I	3
PLSC 355	Woody Landscape Plants	3
	Gen Ed Wellness II	2
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Third Year | Fall Semester

LA 531	Adv. Digital Applications + Analysis Tech.	3
LA 341	Site Design + Detailing	4
LA 471	Site Elements + Composition Design Studio	6
	Gen Ed Science & Technology	3
	Gen Ed Science & Technology Lab	1
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Fourth Year | Fall Semester

LA 521	Land. Theory, Research + Scholarly Methods	3
LA 573	Public Placemaking Design Studio	6
	Elective/Minor	3
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Fifth Year | Fall Semester

LA 763	Thesis Research + Programming	3
LA 771	Performance Based Design Studio	6
LA 781	Professional Practice	3
LA 789	Professional Topics In Landscape Arch.	3
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First Year | Spring Semester

ENVD 104	Environmental Design Fundamentals	1
ENVD 172	Environmental Design Fundamentals Studio	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals Of Public Speaking	3
ANTH 111	Introduction To Anthropology	3
	Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning	3
	Gen Ed Wellness I	1
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First Year Conclusion | MLA Program Application

Second Year | Spring Semester

LA 332	Digital Drawing + Representation Technology	3
LA 372	Park + Open Space Design Studio	6
LA 322	Landscape Architectural History	3
	Gen Ed Science & Technology	3
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Third Year | Spring Semester

LA 542	Adv. Grading + Drainage	4
LA 572	Adv. Community Planning + Design Studio	6
LA 590	Adv. Professional Graduate Preparation	1
ENGL 326	Writing In The Design Profession or	
ENGL 357	Visual Culture & Language	3
	Elective/Minor	3
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Third Year Conclusion | MLA Graduate School Application

Fourth Year | Spring Semester

LA 642	Construction Drawing + Documentation	4
LA 672	Ecological Design Studio	6
LA 722	Contemporary Topics In Planting Design	3
	Elective/Minor	3
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Fifth Year | Spring Semester

LA 772	Graduate Thesis Design Studio	6
LA 789	Professional Topics In Landscape Arch.	3
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	Elective/Minor	3
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Professional Curriculum Notes:

Students apply to the MLA Program at the conclusion of the first year. Transfer students may be accepted into the third year with approved transcripts. A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses with an LA and ENVD prefix. If a student receives a grade of "D" or "F" in studio, student will be required to repeat the studio class the following year, before advancing to the next studio. One Professional Topics course may be replaced with a graduate course from another department, or two with permission. Students may take up to 10 credit hours at the Graduate Level as undergraduate students. Students apply to the Graduate School during the third year (90 credit hours): <https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply>. After three years of undergraduate study the student officially enters the MLA Graduate School and has two years of graduate study (3+2 program as recognized by LAAB*).

*Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

98 Foundational Credits
63 Advanced Level Credits

161
Total Credits