

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Fa2024 Professional Curriculum Guide | High School Graduates + Transfer Students

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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
DREM 101	Introduction To Emergency Management or	3
SOC 110	Introduction To Sociology	
	Gen Ed Science & Technology	3
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Landscape Architecture 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
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Third Year | Fall Semester

LA 431/631	Digital Applications + Analysis Tech.	3
LA 341	Site Design + Detailing	4
LA 471	Site Elements + Comp. Design Studio	6
	Gen Ed Science & Technology	3
	Gen Ed Science & Technology Lab	1
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Fourth Year | Fall Semester

LA 421/621	Planting Design: Theory + Research	3
LA 475/675	City-Shaping Design Studio	6
	LA 789 or Elective	3
	LA 789 or Elective/Minor	3
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Fifth Year | Fall Semester

LA 763	LA 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	3
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**Application Required Into
Selective Admission Program**

Second Year | Spring Semester

LA 332	Digital Drawing + Representation Tech.	3
LA 374	Park + Open Space Design Studio	6
LA 321	History of Landscape Architecture	4
	Gen Ed Science & Technology	3
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Third Year | Spring Semester

LA 442/642	Adv. Grading + Drainage	4
LA 472	Adv. Community Plan. + Design Studio	6
ENGL 326	Writing In The Design Profession or	3
ENGL 357	Visual Culture & Language	
	Elective/Minor	3
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Application into NDSU Graduate School

Fourth Year | Spring Semester

LA 444/644	Construction Drawing + Documentation	4
LA 476/676	Ecological Design Studio	6
LA 722	Research Methods + Critical Inquiry	3
	LA 789 or Elective/Minor	3
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Fifth Year | Spring Semester

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

Transfer students may be accepted into the third or fourth year with chair 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, the 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 12 credit hours at the Graduate Level as undergraduate students, of the 59 Advanced + Graduate Credits, at least 30 credits must be taken at the 700 level. Students apply to the Graduate Program during the third year: <https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply>. After three years of undergraduate study the student officially enters the MLA program and has two years of graduate level study (3+2 program as recognized by LAAB*).

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

101 Foundational Credits
59 Advanced + Graduate
Credits

161
Total Credits