Program Change Request

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Changes proposed by: Nicole Turner

Landscape Architecture, MLA

Catalog Pages Using this Program	

Proposal Type:

In Workflow

1. **U Program Review**
2. **1569 Committee Chair**
3. **1644 Head**
4. **1569 Head**
5. **KR Dean**
6. **University Librarian**
7. **COTE Programs**
8. **Grad_College**
9. **Provost**
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17. DMI

Approval Path

1. 02/03/23 1:32 pm
   Deb Forgacs (dforgacs): Approved for U Program Review
2. 02/10/23 11:45 am
   Lori Davis (drlori): Approved for 1569 Committee Chair
3. 02/14/23 9:38 am
   Nicole Turner (nicturn): Approved for 1644 Head
4. 02/14/23 10:47 am
   David Hays (dlhays): Approved for 1569

Head

5. 02/24/23 1:17 pm Nicole Turner (nicturn): Approved for KR Dean

6. 02/27/23 3:48 pm Chris Prom (prom): Approved for University Librarian

7. 02/27/23 3:54 pm Brenda Clevenger (bmclvngr): Approved for COTE Programs

8. 04/05/23 2:16 pm Allison McKinney (agrindly): Approved for Grad_College

9. 04/13/23 7:52 am Brooke Newell (bsnewell): Approved for Provost

History

1. Mar 11, 2022 by Mary Lowry (lowry)

Major (ex. Special Education)

This proposal is for a:
  Revision

Administration Details

Official Program Name	Landscape Architecture, MLA
Diploma Title	
Sponsor College	Fine & Applied Arts
Sponsor Department	Landscape Architecture Fine and Applied Arts

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List the role for rollbacks (which role will edit the proposal on questions from EPC, e.g., Dept Head or Initiator) and/or any additional stakeholders. Purpose: List here who will do the editing work if proposal needs rolled back. And any other stakeholders.

KR Dean

Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

Proposal Title

Effective Catalog Term	Fall 2023

Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberals Art and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)

Revise the Master of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College

Does this proposal have any related proposals that will also be revised during the next 6 weeks? Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently. Example: If you are revising the BS proposal and one related concentration within the next 6 weeks, "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)."

Program Justification

Provide a brief description of what changes are being made to the program.	Reorganization and clarification of degree paths includes renaming of non-thesis option and defining pre and post prof requirements. Outlined curricular requirements not currently in catalog. Editorial updates to resolve red box error issues. Removing internship requirement.

Did the program content change 25% or more in relation to the total credit hours, since the 2020-2021 catalog. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/archivedacademiccatalogs/2020-2021/)

No

Why are these changes necessary?

Organizational changes more clearly define the MLA paths as Post-Professional (for students with a BLA) and Pre-Professional (for students without a BLA), each of which offer a Thesis track or Advanced Studio option.

1. LA 501 was revised from a 2 to a 4 credit hour course in June 2021, but the change is not auto-populating in the degree table.
2. LA 438 was revised from 3-6 hours to 5 hours in November 2020, but the change is not auto-populating in the degree table.
3. The non-thesis option was originally named 'specialization option' and is renamed to be 'advanced studio option'
5. Added header for thesis option
6. Clarifying additional prerequisite courses that may be required for those entering without a BLA in pre-prof track.
7. Removing required internship, not required for accreditation.
8. Clarifying 'coursework' by adding advisor approval required
9. Clarifying Pre- and Post-professional curriculum. The MLA is an LAAB accredited program. As such, we are required to cover specific knowledge and skills in order to maintain accreditation, preparing students for eventual licensure. Post-Professional students include students who have completed an LAAB Accredited BLA degree. Pre-Professional students include students from the following sources:
(1) international BLA programs (none of which are LAAB accredited)
(2) design-related Bachelor's or Master's degrees from fields other than Landscape Architecture (e.g., Architecture) (3) bachelor's degrees that are not design related
10. Other changes are to clarify program requirements, per accreditation standards, that were not explicit in previous catalog entry

No change in degree requirements or total hours.

The Graduate College inquired about the "Additional Required Electives chosen in collaboration with MLA advisor" which includes electives in Social/Cultural Aspects of Design, Ecology, and Methods. While these are commonly courses in LA, students may discuss other courses with the MLA advisor. The two most common units outside of LA that students elect to take courses in are NRES in the College of ACES and DURP in the College of FAA. Letters of approval with no specific courses listed are attached (the drop-down courses each list 1 example from each unit), to represent the willingness to allow MLA students in their courses to complete these elective requirements.

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program?
Yes

Courses outside of the sponsoring department/interdisciplinary departments
NRES 401 - Watershed Hydrology
UP 418 - GIS for Planners

Please attach any letters of support/acknowledgement for any Instructional Resources consider faculty, students, and/or other impacted units as appropriate.

RE_ NRES courses in MLA & Joint Program BSSD_MLA.pdf
RE_ UP courses in MLA & Joint Program BSSD_MLA.pdf

Program Regulation and Assessment

Plan to Assess and Improve Student Learning

Illinois Administrative Code: 1050.30(b)(1)(D) Provision is made for guidance and counseling of students, evaluations of student performance, continuous monitoring of progress of students toward their degree objectives and appropriate academic record keeping.

List the program's student learning outcomes. Each outcome should identify what students are expected to know and/or be able to do upon completing this program.

Master of Landscape Architecture students will:

This can be substituted with the learning outcomes of the LAAB Accreditation:

• Knowledge and skills in process, principles, and theories of design in landscape architecture

• Knowledge of histories and theories of the art and science of landscape architecture

• Knowledge of plants, ecosystems, and climate science

• Knowledge of resilience and landscape performance

• Knowledge of the legal context of the landscape architecture profession

• Knowledge of professional practice

• Skills in the application of assessment and analysis of site context and suitability of program, data, and other criteria in site design and planning

• Skills in developing design concepts, material detailing, and construction, including accessibility

• Skills in design communication with diverse audiences, including verbal, visual, and written forms

• Knowledge of construction materials and methods, including the use of specifications, construction techniques, material selections, and preparation of relevant documents

• Knowledge and skills of landform, engineering, and green infrastructure to facilitate ecological design, safety, and accessibility

• Knowledge of landscape performance, including the quantifiable assessment of benefits of landscape design

• Skills in collaboration, including interdisciplinary teams, and application of knowledge from different disciplines into design

• Knowledge and skills in research theories and methods, research ethics, and the understanding of research as it affects the current and future practice of the profession

Describe how, when, and where these learning outcomes will be assessed.

Describe here:

• Completed course assignments as assessed by faculty

• Design studio reviews, including special reviews with external/visiting practitioners

• MLA program committee curriculum assessment and periodic revision

• LAAB Accreditation visits including a review of syllabi and student work for evidence of learning outcomes

Identify faculty expectations for students' achievement of each of the stated student learning outcomes. What score, rating, or level of expertise will signify that students have met each outcome? Provide rating rubrics as necessary.

Explain the process that will be implemented to ensure that assessment results are used to improve student learning.

Program
Description and
Requirements
Attach Documents

Is the career/profession for graduates of this program regulated by the State of Illinois?

Yes ~~No~~

If yes, please describe.

YES, Landscape Architecture is a regulated profession in the United States, with U.S. jurisdictions requiring specific education, experience (in professional practice), and examination requirements to qualify for state-based licensure. Continuing education documentation is also required to maintain licensure over the years.

The State of Illinois regulates the practice of landscape architecture through its Title Act statute under the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The MLA program at the University of Illinois is an LAAB-accredited program through the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) which satisfies the education requirement under the licensure standard in the State of Illinois.

The Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB) and the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Licensure & Government Affairs Committee provide oversight and resources for states, including the State of Illinois, to uphold these licensure standards in keeping with the stated objective/responsibility of the profession to protect life, safety, and welfare of the public and natural resources and systems.

Program of Study

Baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester credit hours or 180 quarter credit hours and at least 40 semester credit hours (60 quarter credit hours) in upper division courses" (source: https://www.ibhe.org/assets/files/PublicAdminRules2017.pdf). For proposals for new bachelor's degrees, if this minimum is not explicitly met by specifically-required 300- and/or 400-level courses, please provide information on how the upper-division hours requirement will be satisfied.

Revised programs   MLA Catalog Updates FA 23.xlsx
    Attach a revised Sample Sequence (for undergraduate program)
    or college-level forms.

Catalog Page Text - Overview Tab

Description of program for the catalog page. This is not official content, it is used to help build the new catalog page for the program. Can be edited in the catalog by the college or department.

Students with a BLA from an LAAB Accredited program will enter the Post-Professional Program. Students with a BLA from a non-LAAB Accredited program and students with other undergraduate design degrees (such as Architecture) will enter the Pre-Professional Program with advanced standing, with any required courses waived if taken during their undergraduate degree. Students with no prior design background will enter the full 3-year Pre-Professional program.

During the course of the first year, Post-Professional students will determine whether they will either complete a thesis or advanced studios in their second year. During the course of the second year, students in the Pre-Professional program will determine whether they will either complete a thesis or advanced studios in their final year.

Master of Landscape Architecture Thesis Option

The thesis path entails working with a thesis committee under the supervision of a faculty advisor (aka the thesis committee chair) to pursue in-depth, independent work of relevance to landscape architecture and accomplishing one or more of the following goals:
• Demonstrate an innovative application of existing knowledge within the field
• Analyze, critically examine, and/or empirically test ideas/theories
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Master of Landscape Architecture Advanced Design Studio Option

The goals of advanced design studios include:
• advancing one's general design knowledge and skills
• learning to engage more complex landscape systems through design
• developing facility with a wider range of site and systems analysis tools
• integrating research methods into design studio problems
• using tools to evaluate landscape performance of proposed designs

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Post-Professional Master of Landscape Architecture
For students who have completed a BLA in an LAAB Accredited Program. Typically completed in 2 years.
Thesis Option

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Studio		
LA 533	Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534	Design Workshop G-I	5
Thesis		
LA 599	Thesis Research	10
Additional Seminars and Coursework		
LA 482	Advanced Communication in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4

Code	Title	Hours
LA 513	History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	3
Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor		
Social/Cultural Aspects of Design		
Ecology		
Method		
Total Minimum Hours		48

Advanced Studio Option

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Studio		
LA 533	Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534	Design Workshop G-I	5
LA 537	Planning & Design Studio II	5
LA 539	Design Workshop G-II	5
Additional Seminars and Coursework		
LA 482	Advanced Communication in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513	History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	3
Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor		
Social/Cultural Aspects of Design		
Ecology		
Method		
Total Minimum Hours		48

Pre-Professional Master of Landscape Architecture

For students who have not completed a BLA in an LAAB Accredited program, an undergraduate degree in a design field such as Architecture, and students with no design undergraduate degree. Typically completed in 2.5-3 years.

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
The following coursework is required of MLA students in the Pre-Professional degree program. These courses do not count toward the graduate degree.		
LA 241	Landform Design & Construction	3
LA 250	Environmental Site Analysis	3
LA 280	Design Communications I	3
LA 281	Design Communications II	3
LA 342	Site Engineering	4
LA 343	Landscape Construction	4
LA 346	Professional Practice	2
LA 390	Independent Study I	4

Thesis Option

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
LA 438	Design Workshop Studio II	3 to 6
LA 470	Course LA 470 Not Found	3
Studio		

Code	Title	Hours
LA 433	Graduate Foundation Studio	5
LA 434	Graduate Site Design Studio	5
LA 533	Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534	Design Workshop G-I	5
Thesis		
LA 599	Thesis Research	10
Coursework		23
Additional Seminars/Coursework		
LA 452	Planting Design	3
LA 482	Advanced Communication in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513	History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	3
Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor		
Social/Cultural Factors in Design		
Internship required		0
Ecology		
Method		
Total Minimum Hours		48

Advanced Studio Option

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		18
Design Studio Coursework		
LA 438	Design Workshop Studio II (taken twice)	
LA 470	Course LA 470 Not Found	
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	
Coursework, including specialization electives 2		30
Additional undergraduate coursework will be required of students without a BLA. These prerequisites do not count toward the graduate degree. Required internship credit does not count towards the required 48 hours of graduate level credit.		
Total Hours		0

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Studio		
LA 433	Graduate Foundation Studio	5
LA 434	Graduate Site Design Studio	5
LA 533	Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534	Design Workshop G-I	5
LA 537	Planning & Design Studio II	5
LA 539	Design Workshop G-II	5
Additional Seminars/Coursework		
LA 452	Planting Design	3
LA 482	Advanced Communication in Landscape Architecture	4
LA 501	Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513	History of World Landscapes	4

Code	Title	Hours
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	3
	Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor	
	Social/Cultural Factors in Design	
	Ecology	
	Method	
	Total Minimum Hours	48

~~Other Requirements Master of Landscape Architecture-Specialization Option Specific courses to be taken are determined in consultation with an adviser.Students develop a specialization through elective coursework and design studios.In their final semester, they prepare a document that describes their specialization.~~**Other Requirements**

Grad Other Degree Requirements

Requirement	Description
~~Internship required~~	
~~Other requirements may overlap~~	
~~Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit:~~	~~48~~
~~Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:~~	~~24~~
~~Minimum GPA:~~	~~3.0~~

Grad Other Degree Requirements

Requirement	Description
~~Minimum Hours within the Unit~~	~~24~~
Minimum 400-500 level hours within the Unit	24
Minimum 500-level hours required overall	18
~~Internship required~~	~~5~~
Minimum GPA	3.0

Corresponding Degree	MLA Master of Landscape Architecture

Program Features

Academic Level	Graduate
Does this major have transcripted concentrations?	No

What is the typical time to completion of this program?
  3 years

What are the minimum Total Credit Hours required for this program?
  48

What is the required GPA?	3.0
CIP Code	303301 - Sustainability Studies.

Is This a Teacher Certification Program?
                No

Will specialized accreditation be sought for this program?

Yes ~~No~~

Describe the plans for seeking specialized accreditation:

This program is Accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB). The program undergoes accreditation review every 6 years. The next accreditation will take place AY 2025-2026.

Delivery Method

This program is available:
   On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Admission Requirements

Desired Effective Admissions Term   Fall 2023

Is this revision a change to the admission status of the program?

No

Provide a brief narrative description of the admission requirements for this program. Where relevant, include information about licensure requirements, student background checks, GRE and TOEFL scores, and admission requirements for transfer students.

The minimum required undergraduate GPA for admission is 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or a comparable GPA for international applicants. GRE not required for admission. We use Graduate School minimums for English proficiency except we will not consider applicants with TOEFL Scores lower than 89. Personal Statement required. Portfolio required for applicants with design degree. Not required for applicants with non-degree background although encouraged to share creative work if available. Three letters of rec.

Enrollment

Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.
                        No impact.

Estimated Annual Number of Degrees Awarded

Year One Estimate   5th Year Estimate (or when fully implemented)

What is the matriculation term for this   Fall

program?

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision?   No

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?   No

Additional Budget Information

Attach File(s)

Financial Resources

How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources?   No

Attach letters of support

What tuition rate do you expect to charge for this program? e.g, Undergraduate Base Tuition, or Engineering Differential, or Social Work Online (no dollar amounts necessary)

Are you seeking a change in the tuition rate or differential for this program?   No

Is this program requesting self-supporting status?   No

Faculty Resources

Please address the impact on faculty resources including any changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.

No impact.

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

Library collections, resources and services are sufficient to support this revision of the MLA program.

EP Documentation

EP Control Number	EP.23.073
Attach Rollback/Approval Notices	
This proposal requires HLC inquiry	No

DMI Documentation

Attach Final Approval Notices	
Banner/Codebook Name	MLA:Lndscpe Architecture -UIUC
Program Code:	10KS0156MLA

Minor Code	Conc Code	Degree Code	MLA	Major Code
0156				

Senate Approval Date

Senate Conference Approval Date

BOT Approval Date

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DOE Approval Date

Effective Date:

Attached

Document
Justification for
this request

Program Reviewer   **Brooke Newell (bsnewell) (10/27/22 9:14 am):** Rollback: Email to Nicole Turner
Comments   with Mary Lowry copied.

To: Nicole Turner, Assistant Dean in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
From: Robert Schooley, Head of the Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences

Dear Dr. Turner,

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) approves the proposed electives list for the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) and a proposed joint program for the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Design and Master of Landscape Architecture. We will work with the MLA program for NRES course seats.

Although the specific NRES courses will not be listed (second table below), I should note that NRES 456 is a capstone course restricted to graduating NRES seniors. As such, it would normally not be an elective for students in other programs.

Please let me know if you need any additional information to support your proposal.

Cheers,

Bob

ROBERT L. SCHOOLEY
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From: Turner, Nicole Marion Landwehr <nicturn@illinois.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 2:49 PM
To: Schooley, Robert Lee <schooley@illinois.edu>
Subject: NRES courses in MLA & Joint Program BSSD/MLA

To: Robert Schooley, Head of the Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences
From: Nicole Turner, Assistant Dean in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

To: Dr. Schooley,

I am writing to request a letter of support on behalf of the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) and a proposed joint program for the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Design and Master of Landscape Architecture (BSSD/MLA 4+2).

Both of these programs include in the MLA graduate degree the following elective requirements:

Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor
Social/Cultural Aspects of Design
Ecology
Method

We do not intend to list specific NRES courses, but since these electives are not entirely LA courses the Graduate College has requested a letter of support from units that may be impacted, including NRES. Please see the NRES courses we may see the MLA students requesting to enroll in.

Any prerequisite knowledge required for courses would still be required of the MLA students.

Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor	NRES courses taken in past or approved by MLA faculty
Social/Cultural Factors of Design	NRES 472
Ecology	NRES 401, 403, 407, 416, 419, 420, 429, 439, 456, 465, 499
Method	NRES 401, 403, 429, 439, 454, 465, 474

Please reply to this email with your approval of the elective lists as written in the first table above and willingness to work with the MLA program for NRES course seats.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole Turner, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean for Academic Programs and International Education

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Dear Nicole,

Sorry about the delay. Does this give you what you need? Thanks.

Rolf

Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor	UP courses taken in past or approved by MLA faculty
Social/Cultural Factors of Design	
Ecology	UP 405, UP 406, UP 446, UP 486
Method	UP 418, UP 443, UP 505, UP 510, UP 519, UP 570

I approve this elective list. UP is ready to work with the MLA program to ensure UP course seats in these courses.

Rolf Pendall, Ph.D., AICP
Professor and Head, Department of Urban & Regional Planning
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From: Turner, Nicole Marion Landwehr <nicturn@illinois.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 9:04 AM
To: Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>
Subject: FW: UP courses in MLA & Joint Program BSSD/MLA

Hello Rolf,

I'm checking back in regarding the request below.

Thank you!
Nicole

From: Turner, Nicole Marion Landwehr
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:44 PM
To: Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>
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Social/Cultural Factors of Design	
Ecology	UP 405, UP 406, or UP 446
Method	UP 418, UP 420, UP 473, UP 478, UP 505, UP 508, UP 519

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Sincerely,

Nicole Turner, Ph.D. 🔊 Hear my name

Assistant Dean for Academic Programs and International Education

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Landscape Architecture MLA
Curent catalog entry

Proposed catalog entry

Master of Landscape Architecture-Thesis Option

Specific courses to be taken are determined in consultation with an advisor. Some students completed a master's thesis (LA 599), others develop a specialization through additional coursework.

For additional details and reqirements refer to the department's Graduate Handbook and the Graduate College Handbook.

LA 438 Design Workshop Studio II	3-6
LA 470 Social/Cultural Design Issues	3
LA 501 Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 597 Research Design & Methods	3
LA 599 Thesis Research	10
Coursework	23

Additional undergraduate coursework will be required of students without a BLA. These prerequisites do not count toward the graduate degree

Internship required	0
Total hours	48

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* Listed once at the end of the proposed catalog entry	
Internship required	
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum hours required within the unit	**48**
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Post-Professional Master of Landscape Architecture
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Thesis Option
Studio
LA 533 Planning & Design Studio	5
LA 534 Design Workshop G-I	5
Thesis	
LA 599 Thesis Research	10
Additional Seminars and Coursework	
LA 482 Advanced Communication in Urban Design	4
LA 501 Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513 History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597 Research Design & Methods	3
Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor	
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Total Minimum Hours	48

Advanced Studio Option
Studio
LA 533 Planning & Design Studio	5
LA 534 Design Workshop G-I	5
LA 537 Planning & Design Studio II	5
LA 539 Design Workshop G-II	5
Additional Seminars and Coursework	
LA 482 Advanced Communication in Urban Design	4
LA 501 Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513 History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597 Research Design & Methods	3
Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor	
Social/Cultural Aspects of Design	
Ecology	
Method	
Total Minimum Hours	48

Pre-Professional Master of Landscape Architecture
For students who have not completed a BLA in an LAAB Accredited program, an undergraduate degree in a design field such as Architecture, and students with no design undergraduate degree. Typically completed in 2.5-3 years.
The following coursework is required of MLA students in the Pre-Professional degree program. These courses do not count toward the graduate degree.
LA 241 Landform Design & Construction	3
LA 250 Environmental Site Analysis	3
LA 280 Design Communications I	3
LA 281 Design Communications II	3
LA 342 Site Engineering	4
LA 343 Landscape Construction	4
LA 346 Professional Practice	2
LA 390 Independent Study (this is the Woody Ornamentals Plant class temprary course number)	4

Thesis Option
Studio
LA 433 Graduate Foundation Studio	5
LA 434 Graduate Site Design Studio	5
LA 533 Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534 Design Workshop G-1	5
Thesis	
LA 599 Thesis Research	10
Additional Seminars and Coursework	
LA 452 Natural Precedent in Planting	3
LA 482 Advanced Communication in Urban Design	4
LA 501 Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513 History of World Landscapes	4
LA 597 Research Design & Methods	3
Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor	
Social/Cultural Aspects of Design	
Ecology	

Method

Total Minimum Hours	48

Advanced Studio Option

Studio

LA 433 Graduate Foundation Studio	5
LA 434 Graduate Site Design Studio	5
LA 533 Planning & Design Studio I	5
LA 534 Design Workshop G-1	5
LA 537 Planning & Design Studio II	5
LA 539 Design Workshop G-II	5

Additional Seminars and Coursework

LA 452 Natural Precedent in Planting	4
LA 482 Advanced Communication in Urban Design	4
LA 501 Landscape Arch Theory & Prac	4
LA 513 History of World Landscapes	3
LA 597 Research Design & Methods	3

Additional Required Electives chosen in consultation with MLA Advisor

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Other Requirements	
Minimum Hours wihtin the Unit	24
Minimum 500-level hours required overall	18
Internship required	5
Minimum GPA	3.0

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Minimum 400-500 level hours within the Unit	24
Minimum 500-level hours required overall	18
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