

Landscape Architecture

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
and School of Human Environmental Sciences

The profession of landscape architecture has grown out of the tradition of the great garden designers of Italy, France, England, and China to encompass the art and science of design, planning, and management of the land. The *science* of landscape architecture is concerned with the conservation and management of natural resources. The *art* of landscape architecture is concerned with the creation of more enjoyable, comfortable, and safe outdoor areas where human use requires adaptation of the natural environment.

This five-year professional program is accredited by the American Society of Landscape Architects and meets all the requirements for licensing of landscape architects in Kentucky and other states. Landscape architecture employment opportunities may be found in the designing of urban communities, plazas, university campuses, institutional grounds, parks and recreational areas, commercial and industrial sites, and residential communities, as well as in the areas of historic preservation, regional planning, and mine reclamation.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the University of Kentucky and to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment does not guarantee admission to the Landscape Architecture program. All applicants must be reviewed by the Landscape Architecture Program Chairperson. The number of applicants ultimately admitted is determined by the resources available to provide high quality instruction. Applicants will be reviewed on a comparative basis. Determination of acceptability into the program is based on the following.

Entering freshmen and transfer students from degree programs other than Landscape Architecture must:

1. submit a formal application to the Undergraduate Admissions Office indicating Landscape Architecture as your major;
2. meet the minimum criteria for admission or readmission to the University as specified in this Bulletin (The Landscape Architecture program requires a minimum of a 2.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale for eligibility to transfer into the program.); and
3. successfully complete the aptitude testing designated by the Landscape Architecture program.

If a student transferring from another degree program has a background in related design fields, he or she may submit available work, such as a portfolio or other work examples, as an indication of potential success.

Transfer students from degree programs in Landscape Architecture at other accredited institutions must:

1. submit a formal application to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions indicating Landscape Architecture as your major;
2. meet the minimum criteria for admission to the University as specified in this Bulletin (The Landscape Architecture program requires a minimum of a 2.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale for eligibility to transfer into the program.); and
3. submit a portfolio for review which, combined with an evaluation of courses completed, will determine acceptance into the program as well as the level to which the student will be accepted.

Graduation Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture, the student must have 145 semester hours with at least a 2.0 grade-point standing (on a 4.0 scale). Remedial courses may **not** be counted toward the total hours required for graduation. In addition to satisfying the UK Core requirements, each student must complete premajor, professional, and specialty support requirements. The Landscape Architecture program policy requires a student to achieve a **C** grade or better in major design studios in order to advance to the next level.

UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the *2013-2014 Undergraduate Bulletin* for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

LA 111 Living on the Right Side of the Brain 3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list 3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

ECO 101 Contemporary Economic Issues

or

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

EES 110 Endangered Planet:

An Introduction to Environmental Geology

or

EES 120 Sustainable Planet:

The Geology of Natural Resources 3

V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I 3

VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II 3

VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list 3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:

An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning 3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Choose one course from approved list 3

X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list 3

UK Core hours **30**

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Graduation Writing Requirement

After attaining sophomore status, students must complete a Graduation Writing Requirement course. Please see your academic advisor for courses that meet this requirement.

Graduation Writing Requirement hours 3

Premajor Requirements

Hours

Premajor requirements met by UK Core courses:

LA 111 Living on the Right Side of the Brain 3

ECO 101 Contemporary Economic Issues

or

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3

EES 110 Endangered Planet: An Introduction to

Environmental Geology

or

EES 120 Sustainable Planet: The Geology of Natural Resources 3

Subtotal: Premajor hours 9

Departmental Professional Requirements

LA 105 Introduction to Landscape Architecture 3

LA 205 History of Landscape Architecture 3

LA 805 Graphics I 3

LA 821 Landscape Architecture Design Studio I 6

LA 822 Landscape Architecture Design Studio II 6

LA 825 Digital Representation I 3

LA 833 Landscape Architecture Design Studio III 6

LA 834 Landscape Architecture Design Studio IV 6

LA 841 Landscape Architecture Design Studio V 6

LA 842 Landscape Architecture Design Studio VI 6

LA 871 Design Implementation I 4

LA 872 Design Implementation II 4

LA 890 International Study 3

LA 973 Design Implementation III 6

LA 975 Landscape Architecture Design Studio VII 6

LA 990 Capstone Seminar 2

Students must complete **15** hours from the following list of Topical Studies courses:

LA 851 Design with Plants 3

LA 854 Cultural Landscape Preservation 3

LA 855 Introductory Geospatial Applications for Land Analysis 3

LA 856 Contemporary Geospatial Applications for Land Analysis 3

LA 857 Design Theories in Landscape Architecture 3

LA 858 Regional Land Use Planning Systems 3

LA 862 Graphics II 3

LA 863 Digital Representation II 3

LA 869 Advanced Regional Land Use Planning Applications 3

LA 895 Independent Study in Landscape Architecture 1-6

LA 897 Special Topics in Landscape Architecture

(Subtitle required) 3

LA 899 Internship in Landscape Architecture 3

Subtotal: Major hours 88

Specialty Support Requirements

PLS 220 Introduction to Plant Identification 3

PLS 320 Woody Horticultural Plants 4

PLS 366 Fundamentals of Soil Science 4

One course in ecology from the following or other ecology-focused courses approved by Director of Undergraduate Studies:

FOR 230 Conservation Biology 3

FOR 340 Forest Ecology 4

Select **two** additional upper-level courses from the 300-500 series with advisor assistance 6

Subtotal: Specialty

Support **minimum of 20**

Electives

Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 145 hours required for graduation. Electives may be chosen from the Landscape Architecture Topical Studies or other university courses at any level.

Subtotal: Electives **minimum of 6**

TOTAL HOURS: **145**