At CAPLA, you'll learn—and practice—systematic public and private outdoor place design to promote social justice and wellbeing, human and environmental health, preservation of cultural heritage and creation of site and visual character.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

The Master of Landscape Architecture is a three-year, STEM-designated program that prepares students for the practice of landscape architecture.

The MLA from the University of Arizona is fully accredited through the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB).

Our studio-based, sustainability-focused program employs real-world learning experiences that enable students to meet the most critical design challenges of the built environment.

As a landscape architecture student, you'll learn:

- Landscape architecture history, theory, and criticism
- Design and design methods
- Sustainable design strategies and natural processes
- Socio-cultural factors in design
- Design implementation
- Professional communication, documentation and technology
- Professional practice
- Research and scholarly methods

With the MLA, you'll graduate ready to thrive in a profession of increasing importance in the face of climate change, growing urban populations and challenges to social equity.
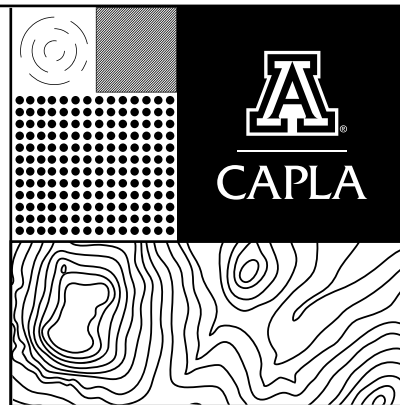
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Demand for trained landscape architects is high and growing in Arizona and around the nation. Students graduate fully prepared for professional practice, finding employment with private-sector firms, governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations locally, nationally and internationally. Others continue on to pursue doctoral degrees. Graduates can design public and private outdoor places but may also specialize in:

- Green infrastructure and landscape performance
- Urban planning
- Natural and cultural resource conservation and management
- Design implementation and construction management
- Applied design research

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MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CURRICULUM

UNITS	COURSE #	
		FALL 1
6	LAR 510	Design Studio I
4	LAR 520	Plant Materials
3	LAR 540	Contemporary Landscape Architecture
4	LAR 555	Landscape Construction
17		
		SPRING 1
6	LAR 511	Design Studio II
3	LAR 523	Landscape Ecology
4	LAR 554	Site Engineering
2	LAR 541	History and Theory of Landscape Architecture
(2)	LAR 530	Introduction to Digital Media (or alternate elective) ●
15-17		
		FALL 2
4	LAR 526	Planting Design
6	LAR 610	Design Studio III
4	LAR 570	Introduction to GIS for Planning and Landscape Architecture
14		
		SPRING 2
6	LAR 611	Design Studio IV
3	LAR 623	Landscape Planning Studio
1	LAR 596B	Landscape Architecture Seminar II
2	LAR 560	Professional Practice
12		
		FALL 3
6	LAR 612	Design Studio V
2	LAR 596C	Landscape Architecture Seminar III
8		
		SPRING 3
2	LAR 596D	Landscape Architecture Seminar IV
6-9	LAR 909/910	Master's Report/Thesis ■
8-11		

ELECTIVES

FALL

3	ENVS 550	Green Infrastructure
3	LAR 571F	Introduction to Heritage Conservation
3	SBE 580	Research Methods

SPRING

3	RED 521	Placemaking and Urban Form
3	PLG 558	Geodesign Studio
3	PLG 597J	Documentation and Interpretation of the Historic Built Environment
3	PLG 564	Preservation Planning Issues
3	PLG 560	Land Use Planning Law

NOTES:
A total of 76 units is required to earn the Master of Landscape Architecture degree.

● One elective is required. Electives must be approved by the academic advisor.

■ Master's Report (LAR 909) or Thesis (LAR 910) units can also be taken during the last 3 semesters, if you wish to keep minimal units for your last semester. If this is the case, we suggest you take 2 units in Spring 2, 3 units in Fall 3, and 1 unit in Spring 3. If you have an assistantship in the final semester, you can add an additional 3 units to remain full-time. Most students complete a Master's Report, so LAR 909 is the appropriate course number. These units are separate from the seminar class.