# Landscape Architecture, B.L.A.

**Begin Campus:** University Park  
**End Campus:** University Park

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree in Landscape Architecture, a minimum of 139 credits is required:

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21 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GA courses; 3 credits of GH courses; 3 credits of GS courses.

## Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

### Prescribed Courses

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*Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

- LARCH 60  Cultural History of Designed Places  3
- LARCH 115  Design I: Intro Spatial Composition  3
- LARCH 116  Design II: Spatial Design  3
- LARCH 125  Landscape Architecture Orientation Seminar  1
- LARCH 145  Ecology and Plants I  3
- LARCH 155  Skills Lab I: Hand & Digital Graphics  2
- LARCH 156  Skills Lab II: Hand & Digital Graphics  2
- LARCH 215  Design III: Site Design  4
- LARCH 216  Design IV: Expanded Use, Scale, and Context  4
- LARCH 235  Design Implementation I: Grading  3
- LARCH 236  Design Implementation II: Materials  3
- LARCH 245  Ecology & Plants II  3
- LARCH 246  Ridge & Valley in the Field  1
- LARCH 255  Skills Lab III: Digital Graphics  2
- LARCH 256  Skills Lab IV: GIS  2
- LARCH 276  Human Dimensions of Design: History & Theory  3
- LARCH 315  Design V: Expanded Use, Scale, and Context  4
- LARCH 335  Design Implementation III: Planting Methods  3
- LARCH 336  Design Implementation IV: Stormwater  3
- LARCH 365W  Contemporary Trends in Landscape Architecture  3
- LARCH 375  Human Dimensions of Design - Applied  3
- LARCH 386  Professional Practice  3

### Additional Courses

Select 6 credits of the following:

- AGECO 121  Plant Stress: It’s Not Easy Being Green  3
- BIOL 127  Introduction to Plant Biology  3
- BISC 1  Structure and Function of Organisms  3
- BISC 2  Genetics, Ecology, and Evolution  3
- EGEE 102  Energy Conservation for Environmental Protection  2
- FOR 201  Global Change and Ecosystems  2
- GEO 115  Landforms of the World  2
- GEOC 303  Introduction to Environmental Geology  2
- HORT 150N  Plants in the Human Context  2
- METEO 122  Atmospheric Environment: Growing in the Wind  2
- SOILS 71  Environmental Sustainability  2

Select 6 credits of the following:

- AA 121  Design Thinking and Creativity  2
- ARCH 100  Architecture and Ideas  2
- ARCH 210  Ideas Across Time in Architecture and Urbanism  2
- ART 20  Introduction to Drawing  2
- ART 30  Introduction to Sculpture  2
- ARTH 120  Asian Art and Architecture  2
- ARTH 140  Introduction to the Art and Architecture of the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas  2
- ARTH 201  Ancient to Medieval Architecture  2
- ARTH 308N  American Architecture  3
- ARTH 315  American Architecture  3
- ARTH 320  American Art  3
- ARTH 330  Ancient Art  3
- ARTH 335  African Art  3
- GD 100  Introduction to Graphic Design  3

Select 3 credits of the following:

- AFR 191  Early African History  2
- AFR 192  Modern African History  2
- ASIA 100  What is Asia?  2
- FR 137  Paris: Anatomy of a Global City  2
- GEOG 122  German Culture and Civilization  2
- GER 100  German Culture and Civilization  2
- GER 200N  Contemporary German Culture  2
- HIST 109  Introduction to U.S. Environmental History  2
- PHIL 13  Nature and Environment  2
- PHIL 118  Environmental Philosophy  2

Select 3 credits of the following:

- AFR 110N  Introduction to Contemporary Africa  2
- ANTH 120  First Farmers  2
- CAS 222N  Foundations: Civic and Community Engagement  2
General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- Arts (GA): 3 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 3 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits

Exploration

- GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student’s degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.