LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, B.L.A.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Program Description
Landscape architecture is the art of design, planning, or management of
the land and of the natural and built elements upon it. As an academic
discipline, it embodies creative, cultural, philosophical, and scientific
knowledge bases. As a professional discipline, the practice of landscape
architecture includes site design, urban design, master planning,
community planning, regional planning, resource conservation, and
stewardship.

The program currently is a nine-semester curriculum leading to a
professionally accredited Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree.
One semester of the curriculum is spent in a required semester abroad.
The program prepares graduates for entry into professional offices or
pursuit of advanced study in related disciplines. The curriculum develops
both the creative insight and the technical skills essential to practice and
fulfills the education requirement needed in all states to be eligible to take
the professional licensing examination.

What is Landscape Architecture?
Landscape architecture is an important “change agent” design profession
for the 21st century addressing both social and environmental challenges
of our times. Landscape architects are licensed professionals who design
places that have beneficial impacts on the health and resilience of our
ecosystems, our communities, and ourselves—places of delight, of
wonder, of comfort, and of respite that include parks, plazas, arboreta,
campuses, gardens, memorials, green roofs, interactive installations,
commercial centers, transportation corridors, waterfront developments,
and so much more. In all of their efforts, Landscape architects are guided
by commitment to social, environmental, and economic benefit. All of this
makes landscape architecture “the most exciting 21st century design
profession that you've probably never heard of.”

You Might Like This Program If...
• You are creative, active, involved.
• You want to be an agent of change and solve problems.
• You are passionate about sustainability.
• You are fascinated by people and cultures; inspired by history and
traveling.
• You like technology and hands-on work.
• You enjoy working with a team and you want to design for the ‘big’
issues.
• You want to engage with art, nature, and design to unlock powerful
solutions for the complex issues of today and tomorrow.