

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Integrated Undergrad-Grad Programs Integrated B.L.A. in Landscape Architecture and M.S. in Landscape Architecture

This Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate (IUG) degree program combines the B.L.A. in Landscape Architecture with the M.S. in Landscape Architecture offered at the following campuses:

Undergraduate Degree

- University Park

Graduate Degree

- University Park

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-210 Integrated Undergraduate-Graduate (IUG) Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-210-integrated-undergraduate-graduate-degree-programs/>).

The integrated undergraduate-graduate (IUG) degree program (B.L.A. in Landscape Architecture/M.S. in Landscape Architecture) provides an opportunity for strong students in Penn State's Landscape Architecture B.L.A. program to complete a master's degree with 6 total years of study (the B.L.A. is a 5-year program).

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The number of openings in the integrated B.L.A. /M.S. program is limited. Admission is selective based on specific criteria set by the Department of Landscape Architecture (see below). Before applying to the Graduate School, students must have completed entrance to their undergraduate major and have completed no less than 60 credits. Students must be admitted no later than the end of the second week of the semester preceding the semester of expected conferral of the undergraduate degree. Transfer students must have completed at least 15 credits at Penn State to enroll in an IUG.

Admission Requirements:

1. Must be enrolled in the Landscape Architecture B.L.A. program.
2. Must apply to, and be accepted into, The Graduate School and the M.S. program in Landscape Architecture. Students must complete the Graduate School application (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>).
3. All applicants will submit GRE scores, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement addressing their reasons for pursuing a graduate degree in Landscape Architecture and discussing their plans and goals.
4. An applicant will be expected to have a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in undergraduate coursework and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in all coursework completed for the major.

5. A plan of study must be included identifying undergraduate credits to be applied to the M.S. degree elective requirements.

In consultation with both the Undergraduate Academic Advisor in the Stuckeman School and the Graduate Coordinator in Landscape Architecture, the applicant should prepare a plan of study that covers the entire time period of the IUG program. The plan should be reviewed periodically with both the Undergraduate Academic Advisor in the Stuckeman School and the Graduate Coordinator in Landscape Architecture.

Degree Requirements

Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Degree requirements for the B.S. in Landscape Architecture are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/>). Degree requirements for the M.S. degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab. The program will accept 5 credits of LARCH 414 from students in the IUG program, in lieu of 3 credits of LARCH 510 and 3 credits of LARCH 590. Students in the IUG program must also take an additional 1 credit elective to meet the 40 credit minimum required for the degree.

Up to 14 credits may be double-counted towards the degree requirements for both the graduate and undergraduate degrees; a minimum of 50% of the double-counted courses must be at the 500 or 800 level. Independent study courses and credits associated with the culminating experience for the graduate degree cannot be double-counted.

Code	Title	Credits
Courses Eligible to Double Count for Both Degrees		
LARCH 414	Design and Theory V: Advanced Landscape Architectural Design	5
LARCH 501	Research and Writing in Landscape Architecture	3
Select electives from the following list:		
ANTH 559	Human Ecology	
ECLGY 510	Classical Ecology	
FOR 565	GIS Based Socio-Ecological Landscape Analysis	
GEODZ 511	Geodesign History, Theory, Principles	
GEOG 550	Wetlands Ecology and Management	
TREES 574	Integrated Perspectives in Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society	
TREES 575	Ethical Issues in Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society	
RSOC 555	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources	

Students must sequence their courses so all undergraduate degree requirements are fulfilled before taking courses to count solely towards the graduate degree. Students are expected to complete the undergraduate degree requirements within the typical time to degree for the undergraduate major. In the semester in which the undergraduate degree requirements will be completed, IUG students must apply to graduate, and the undergraduate degree should be conferred at the next appropriate Commencement. If students accepted into the IUG program are unable to complete the M.A. degree, they are still eligible to receive their undergraduate degree if all the undergraduate degree requirements have been satisfied.