

# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term's specific offerings.

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*Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.*

## Department Information

The Department of Landscape Architecture is dedicated to inspiring students and transforming lives through stewardship, planning, and design of natural and built environments. Rooted in the traditions of landscape architecture, the program explores innovative and impactful solutions to create a more sustainable, healthy, and just world. Through research, education, and service-learning, students engage with pressing societal challenges, develop critical skills, and contribute to communities in Florida, the region, and beyond.

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### Curriculum

- Combination Degrees
- Landscape Architecture Minor
- Landscape Architecture | 4-Year Professional Program

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## Courses

### LAA 1300C Introduction to Design Communication 1 Credit

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Drawing conventions including plan, section/elevation, and three-dimensional drawing to create visual communications.

### LAA 1330 Site Analysis 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Inventory, analysis and evaluation of site development procedures; emphasis on landscape ecology.

**Attributes:** Artificial Intelligence

### LAA 1600 Urban Nature and Society 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the broad environmental, social, and health benefits that nature and open space provide to our urban environments. From both a historical and modern-day context, highlights foundational parks and infrastructural works found in various cities within the United States.

**Attributes:** Quest 1, General Education - Humanities

### LAA 1700 Cultures of Landscapes in the American South 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

This course will employ an interdisciplinary approach to exploring the history, evolution, and present landscape of southern US culture. It looks at how people live with landscape, how southern authors employ landscapes as settings for narratives, how fruits of the land craft distinct regional cuisines, and how landscapes function as carriers of cultural memory.

**Attributes:** Quest 1, General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

### LAA 1920 Introduction to Landscape Architecture 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces landscape architecture, a profession defined as an art and science of planning or designing on the land-arranging and creating spaces and objects in a landscape for human use. Open to all students.

### LAA 2310 Sustainable Landscape Technologies 1 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Theoretical, cultural, ecological, and practical dimensions of planting and irrigation design.

**LAA 2360C Principles of Landscape Architecture 4 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Builds upon the fundamental principles of design covered in previous studios to explore a range of landscape architectural issues. Site design problems incorporating a mixture of cultural, environmental, and historical topics provide a framework to develop analytical skills, communication techniques, and general understanding of design.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 1330 with a minimum grade of C, and Landscape Architecture majors.

**Corequisite:** LAA 2379C.

**LAA 2361C Planting Design Studio 5 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The planting design studio introduces the planting design process, its relationship to the site planning, existing site conditions, project locale and client needs.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2360C and ORH 3513C with minimum grades of C.

**LAA 2365C Landscape Architecture Design 2 4 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Understanding and application of landscape architectural design processes, design thinking, spatial organization, and communication skills.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2360C.

**LAA 2376C Design Communications 1 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Exploration of intermediate hand and digital drawing tools and techniques to enhance visual communication and design representation.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 1300C or instructor approval.

**LAA 2379C Design Communications 2 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Exploration of digital tools and workflows essential for modern landscape architecture.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2376C.

**LAA 2710 History of Landscape Architecture 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Landscape architecture is the art and science of arranging functions and spaces within the ecology of the land and the culture of the humans who inhabit it. Survey of the history of humans as it is expressed in such diverse areas as urban form, community planning, gardens, parks and recreational areas, agricultural patterns and land management from both western and global contexts.

**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

**LAA 2951 Landscape Architecture Experience 1 1 Credit**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores Florida and the southeastern United States landscapes through the lens of landscape architecture.

**Prerequisite:** 2nd year BLA student or higher. 2nd year BLA student or higher.

**LAA 3230 Theories of Landscape Architecture 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the theories pertinent to the practice and study of landscape architecture. Addresses primarily aesthetic and cultural principles and values with related ecological aspects.

**Prerequisite:** junior status or higher.

**LAA 3233 Landscape Architecture Experience 3 1 Credit**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Immerses students in current topics and innovative practices within landscape architecture, offering a hands-on experience that explores dynamic themes such as placemaking, exhibition design, and art in the garden.

**Prerequisite:** 2nd year BLA Student or higher.

**LAA 3312 Sustainable Landscape Technologies 3 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Site layout, materiality, and construction detailing for flatwork (pavements) and vertical construction (walls, columns, and wood construction), with an emphasis on design details.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2376C.

**LAA 3350C Landscape Architecture Design 3 5 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Application of the design process with a focus on site design and planning principles, and design performance assessment.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2365C.

**LAA 3353C Landscape Architecture Design 4 5 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the physical, functional, and environmental factors that shape the design and planning of towns, cities, and public spaces to support human activity and experience.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2365C.**LAA 3394C Advanced Design Communication 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Focuses on advanced-level digital tools and techniques used in landscape architecture.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2376C and LAA 2379C.**Attributes:** Artificial Intelligence**LAA 3420 Sustainable Landscape Technologies 2 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduction to essential technical skills in grading, drainage, and stormwater management for implementing landscape architectural design solutions.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2379C.**LAA 3421 Landscape Construction 2 5 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Design and construction drawings for public and private landscape structures, landscape utilities, and irrigation system layouts; specifications, takeoffs and estimating.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 3420.**LAA 3950 Landscape Architecture Experience 2 1 Credit****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces the iconic works of landscape architecture through a weeklong field experience in an American city. Practice field observation and documentation techniques, engage in team-based learning, and develop an understanding of the breath of opportunities in landscape architecture.

**Prerequisite:** 3rd year BLA Student or higher.**LAA 4210 Landscape Architecture Professional Practice 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Preparation for professional practice and the understanding of the business of landscape architecture in private and public arenas.

**Prerequisite:** junior status or higher.**LAA 4356C Landscape Architecture Design 5 6 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduction to environmental planning and design for landscape architects, covering regional suitability analysis, site selection, design development, and impact assessment.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 3350C.**LAA 4357 Senior Independent Project Seminar 2 Credits****Grading Scheme:** S/U

Focuses on proposal writing and information gathering to support the senior independent project.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 4353C and LAA 3421.**LAA 4358 Senior Independent Project 6 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

This final semester-long project expands personal interests and talents, hones decision-making abilities, and sharpens professional skills through well-rounded, comprehensive completion of individual projects. Project must be approved by the faculty.

**Prerequisite:** completion of all previous design studios and construction courses.**LAA 4362 Design Communications for Landscape Architects 4 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Immersive experience in visualization techniques in landscape architectural design and planning. Covers traditional drawing conventions (plan, section/elevation and perspective) and builds skills in digital communication and visualization methods.

**Prerequisite:** Advanced standing in the program and/or instructor permission.**LAA 4364C Landscape Architecture Design 6 6 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Professional studio-skill development and the resolution of complex landscape challenges.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 4356C.**LAA 4450 Sustainable Landscape Technologies 4 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Landscape architecture design detailing and implementation methods through the development of construction documents.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 3312.

**LAA 4532 Landscape Ecology and Management 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the relationship between planning and design decision-making and landscape management practices which are, in turn, based on the fundamental principles of ecology and landscape ecology.

**Prerequisite:** LAA 2310.

**LAA 4905 Special Studies in Landscape Architecture 1-6 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Studio investigations of topics in landscape architecture adjusted to individual needs of advanced undergraduate and graduate students.

**Prerequisite:** instructor permission.

**LAA 4935 Gardens of the World 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Assessment and discussion of works of landscape architecture with emphasis on user evaluation, design trends, and research directions. Open to all majors.

**Prerequisite:** junior status or higher.

**Attributes:** General Education - International

**LAA 4940 Landscape Architecture Internship 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Internship in a private/public sector office under the direction of a registered landscape architect; required for graduation.

**Prerequisite:** junior status or higher.

**Attributes:** 3rd Year UF Quest

**LAA 4941C Extended Internship with Landscape Architect 9 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Internship in a private/public sector office under the direction of a registered landscape architect.

**Corequisite:** LAA 4940.

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