

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

More than ever, the world needs more informed, more innovative, and more critically involved landscape architects. Population growth, changing climate, and continued depletion of natural resources call into question received planning and design methods. Landscape architects have emerged among design professionals to lead the exploration, organization, reclamation, and re-imagining of our cities to meet the challenges of our future. The IIT landscape architecture program aims to teach landscape architects to engage small and large scale Landscapes of Urbanization through a rigorous training in geographic, ecological, and landscape infrastructural systems.

The Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree program at Illinois Institute of Technology is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB). The LAAB evaluates professional landscape architecture programs in the United States to determine whether they meet objective standards of academic quality and properly prepare students for professional work.

ADVANCED STANDING

Candidates who hold a B.S. in Architecture, a B.S. in Landscape Architecture (B.S.L.A.), or an equivalent pre-professional architecture degree, that partially fulfills NAAB (National Architectural Accreditation Board) requirements may qualify for up to one year of advanced standing in the professional degree program. Candidates will be evaluated for advanced standing status on a case-by-case basis and will be notified of their specific status upon admission. Admission with Advanced Standing may allow the candidate to complete the Master of Landscape Architecture degree in as few as two years (four semesters) and a minimum of 60 credit hours, depending on prior preparation. For applicants with undergraduate degrees in architecture or landscape architecture, the portfolio is the single most important component of your application. While the committee takes the entire file contents into consideration, the portfolio offers the clearest insight into an applicant's range of work, skill sets, overall design abilities, level of technical mastery, architectural and landscape architectural acculturation, and intellectual engagement.

CURRICULUM AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted without conditions to the M.L.A. program, an applicant is required to have prior college-level coursework in freehand drawing, biology, and earth science (geology, physical geography, or hydrology, etc.). Candidates lacking these prerequisites may be admitted on the condition that they complete the required coursework before enrolling. Candidates will be notified upon admission of their program of study, which is determined by prior academic training and professional experience, as well as portfolio content.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded to students who have an outstanding combined portfolio and academic record. IIT College of Architecture offers one year scholarships to deserving applicants; only for their first year of study. Applicants are reviewed by the graduate admissions committee, and those who fall under the priority deadline will be notified of scholarship offers in March. Teaching assistant assignments are made a week before the beginning of each term. Prior to the beginning of each semester, students should notify the Dean of their interest in procuring a teaching assistantship.

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE/ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (M.ARCH./ M.L.A.) DUAL DEGREE

This newly created dual degree program provides core knowledge in both fields, while emphasizing shared territories and concerns, preparing students for the full complexity of the contemporary metropolis. The combined M.Arch./M.L.A. embraces integrative thinking and addresses the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. With just two additional semesters of study, students can add a second, highly desirable graduate degree. Those with a Bachelor of Architecture can apply for advanced standing further reducing their studies by one year.

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (M.ARCH.)

The NAAB-accredited, M.Arch. can be tailored for those with or without a Bachelor of Architecture by applying for one year advanced standing or taking the full three year sequence. The curriculum includes architectural history and theory, building technologies, structures, representation, professional practice, and design studios of increasing complexity from basic elements, to buildings, to the city.

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2016 CURRICULUM

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Curriculum

| 1ST YEAR FALL | HRS. | 1ST YEAR SPRING | HRS. |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| LA541 Studio I: Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes | 6 | LA542 Studio II: Site & City space | 6 |
| LA501 History/Theory/Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory | 3 | LA526 Design Media II: Digital Media | 3 |
| LA525 Design Media I: Drawing and Modeling the Landscape | 3 | LA502 History/Theory/Criticism II: Landscape Architecture History | 3 |
| LA565 Ecology & Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting | 3 | LA566 Ecology & Materials Workshop II: Earthworks & Infrastructures | 3 |
| Total Hours | 15 | Total Hours | 15 |
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| 2ND YEAR FALL | | 2ND YEAR SPRING | |
| LA543 Studio III: Comprehensive Landscape Architecture | 6 | LA544 Studio IV: Site, City & Region | 6 |
| LA504 History/Theory/Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar | 3 | LA514 Entrepreneurship and Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture | 3 |
| LA527 Design Media III: Advanced Modeling and Fabrication | 3 | LA503 History/Theory/Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory: Case Studies | 3 |
| LA567 Ecology & Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction | 3 | LA568 Ecology & Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment | 3 |
| Total Hours | 15 | Total Hours | 15 |
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| 3RD YEAR FALL | | 3RD YEAR SPRING | |
| LA545 Landscape Architecture Cloud Studio V: Metropolis | 6 | LA546 Landscape Architecture Cloud Studio VI: Metropolis | 6 |
| LA516 Landscape Architecture and Time | 3 | LA 497 Landscape Architecture Elective | 3 |
| LA 497 Landscape Architecture Elective | 3 | LA 497 Landscape Architecture Elective | 3 |
| Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective | 3 | Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective | 3 |
| Total Hours | 15 | Total Hours | 15 |
| | | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 90 |

Advanced Standing

| 1ST YEAR FALL | HRS. | 1ST YEAR SPRING | HRS. |
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| LA541 Studio I: Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes | 6 | LA544 Studio IV: Site, City & Region | 6 |
| LA501 History/Theory/Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory | 3 | LA503 History/Theory/Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory: Case Studies | 3 |
| LA525 Design Media I: Drawing and Modeling the Landscape | 3 | LA568 Ecology & Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment | 3 |
| LA565 Ecology & Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting (without a B.L.A.) or Landscape Architecture or Architecture Elective (with a B.L.A.) | 3 | Landscape Architecture or Architecture Elective | 3 |
| Total Hours | 15 | Total Hours | 15 |
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| 2ND YEAR FALL | | 2ND YEAR SPRING | |
| LA545 Landscape Architecture Cloud Studio V: Metropolis | 6 | LA546 Landscape Architecture Cloud Studio VI: Metropolis | 6 |
| LA516 Landscape Architecture and Time | 3 | LA 497 Landscape Architecture Elective | 3 |
| LA504 History/Theory/Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar | 3 | Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective | 3 |
| LA565 Ecology & Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction (without a B.L.A.) or Landscape Architecture or Architecture Elective (with a B.L.A.) | 3 | Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective | 3 |
| Total Hours | 15 | Total Hours | 15 |
| | | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 60 |