Landscape Architecture + Urbanism at IIT is where the world comes to learn the skills to build the metropolis of tomorrow. Our program is a fundamentally progressive urban enterprise based on three defining principles: the equitable global growth of our urban centers, robust transdisciplinary collaboration, and the advancement of urban landscape theory in research and in practice. IIT students investigate complex socio-environmental challenges through creative inquiry and innovative technological ideation. As the only accredited Landscape Architecture program in Chicago - and among only the few in large North American cities - we are uniquely positioned to confront these challenges.

CURRICULUM
Our curriculum amplifies this urban context with courses that investigate critical landscape architecture challenges of the 21st century city: the urban design implications of technological innovations, new mobility systems, post-industrial sites, water quality, sea-level rise, climate change, social equity, rapid urbanization, and vital public spaces, among others. Our LAAB accredited program prepares technically skilled and intellectually versatile design professionals who share these ambitions across the globe.

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) or LAAB (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.
## 2018 Sample Curriculum

### 1ST YEAR FALL (ECOLOGY)
- **LA 541 Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes** 6 HRS.
- **LA 501 History/Theory/Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory** 3 HRS.
- **LA 525 Design Media I: Drawing and Modeling the Landscape** 3 HRS.
- **LA 565 Ecology & Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

### 2ND YEAR FALL (SYSTEM)
- **LA 543 Landscape Studio III: Comprehensive Landscape Architecture** 6 HRS.
- **LA 504 History/Theory/Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar** 3 HRS.
- **LA 527 Design Media III: Advanced Modeling and Fabrication - Dynamic Processes** 3 HRS.
- **LA 567 Ecology & Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

### 3RD YEAR FALL (ADVANCED)
- **LA 545 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio V** 6 HRS.
- **LA 516 Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time** 3 HRS.
- **LA 567 Ecology & Materials Workshop IV: Planting Design and Construction** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

### Advanced Standing

#### 1ST YEAR FALL (SYSTEM)
- **LA 541 Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes** 6 HRS.
- **LA 501 History/Theory/Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory** 3 HRS.
- **LA 525 Design Media I: Drawing and Modeling the Landscape** 3 HRS.
- **LA 565 Ecology & Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

#### 2ND YEAR FALL (ADVANCED)
- **LA 545 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio V** 6 HRS.
- **LA 504 History/Theory/Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar** 3 HRS.
- **LA 516 Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time** 3 HRS.
- **LA 567 Ecology & Materials Workshop II: Planting Design and Construction** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

## 1ST YEAR SPRING (SITE)
- **LA 542 Landscape Studio II: Site & City** 6 HRS.
- **LA 502 History/Theory/Criticism II: Landscape Architecture History** 3 HRS.
- **LA 526 Design Media II: Digital Media** 3 HRS.
- **LA 566 Ecology & Materials Workshop II: Earthworks & Infrastructures** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

## 2ND YEAR SPRING (INFRASTRUCTURE)
- **LA 544 Landscape Studio IV: Site, City & Region** 6 HRS.
- **LA 514 Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture I: Entrepreneurship and Practice** 3 HRS.
- **LA 503 History/Theory/Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory: Case Studies** 3 HRS.
- **LA 568 Ecology & Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

## 3RD YEAR SPRING (ADVANCED)
- **LA 546 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio VI or ARCH 546 Architecture Advanced Studio VI** 6 HRS.
- **LA 546 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio VI** 3 HRS.
- **LA 568 Ecology & Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

## Advanced Standing

### 1ST YEAR SPRING (INFRASTRUCTURE)
- **LA 542 Landscape Studio II: Site and City** 6 HRS.
- **LA 502 History/Theory/Criticism II: Landscape Architecture History** 3 HRS.
- **LA 526 Design Media II: Digital Media** 3 HRS.
- **LA 566 Ecology & Materials Workshop II: Earthworks & Infrastructures** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

## 2ND YEAR SPRING (ADVANCED)
- **LA 546 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio V** 6 HRS.
- **La 546 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio V** 3 HRS.
- **LA 568 Ecology & Materials Workshop IV: Planting Design and Construction** 3 HRS.
- **Total Hours**: 15 HRS.

## Total Credit Hours
- **1ST YEAR FALL**: 15 HRS.
- **2ND YEAR FALL**: 15 HRS.
- **3RD YEAR FALL**: 15 HRS.
- **1ST YEAR SPRING**: 15 HRS.
- **2ND YEAR SPRING**: 15 HRS.
- **3RD YEAR SPRING**: 15 HRS.

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**: 90 HRS.