MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE + URBANISM

IIT ARCHITECTURE CHICAGO

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS + TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Scholarships and teaching assistantships provide financial support for graduate students. They are awarded to students who have outstanding portfolios and academic records. We offer one-year merit-based scholarships to deserving applicants. Applicants who apply by our priority deadline will be notified of scholarship offers by March. Deposited students are eligible to apply for teaching assistantships, which are assigned at the start of each semester.

INTERNSHIPS

Since its founding, our college has had longstanding and deep relationships with professional practice in Chicago. Today, many Chicago architectural firms have committed to providing a unique opportunity for our students: Paid ten-week summer internships pledged to IIT students only.

M.ARCH. + M.L.A. DUAL DEGREE

This program combines professional masters degrees in architecture and landscape architecture. With just two additional semesters of study, students can obtain a second highly desirable graduate degree. The program provides core knowledge in both fields, while emphasizing shared territories and concerns, preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

IntroARCH

IntroARCH is a summer graduate workshop designed to prepare students for our graduate architectural studio sequence. IntroARCH is highly recommended for students embarking on full program graduate degrees. The workshop is also open to those not currently seeking a degree at IIT Architecture but who are interested in pursuing graduate architectural studies in the future.

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2018 Sample Curriculum

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

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

3RD YEAR FALL (ADVANCED)	
LA 545 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio V	6
LA 516 Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time	3
Landscape Architecture Elective	3
Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective	3
Total Hours	15

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

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

3RD YEAR SPRING (ADVANCED)	
LA 546 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio VI or ARCH 546 Architecture Advanced Studio VI	6
Landscape Architecture Elective	3
Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective	3
Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective	3
Total Hours	15
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	90

Advanced Standing

1ST YEAR FALL (SYSTEM)	HRS.
LA 541 Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes	6
LA 501 History/Theory/Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory	3
LA 525 Design Media I: Drawing and Modeling the Landscape	3
LA 565 Ecology & Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting (without a B.L.A) or Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective (with a B.L.A.)	3
Total Hours	15

2ND YEAR FALL (ADVANCED)	
LA 545 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio V	6
LA 504 History/Theory/Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar	3
LA 516 Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time	3
LA 567 Ecology and Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction (without a B.L.A) or Landscape Architecture or Architecture Elective (with a B.L.A.)	3
Total Hours	15

1ST YEAR SPRING (INFRASTRUCTURE)	HRS.
LA 542 Landscape Studio II: Site and City	6
LA 503 History/Theory/Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory: Case Studies	3
LA 568 Ecology & Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment	3
Landscape Architecture or Architecture Elective	3
Total Hours	15

2ND YEAR SPRING (ADVANCED)	
LA 546 Landscape Architecture Advanced Studio V	6
Landscape Architecture Elective	3
Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective	3
Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective	3
Total Hours	15
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	60

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