## Master of Landscape Architecture

**Professional Curriculum | High School Graduates + Transfer Students**

**Spring 2021**

### First Year | Fall Semester

- **ENVD 101**: Introduction To Environmental Design
- **ENVD 102**: Drawing Basics For Environmental Designers
- **ENVD 130**: Drawing Skills For Environmental Designers
- **ENGL 110**: College Composition I
- **PSYC 111**: Introduction To Psychology
- **Soc 110**: Introduction To Sociology
- **Gen Ed Science & Technology**: 1
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### First Year | Spring Semester

- **ENVD 104**: Environmental Design Fundamentals
- **ENVD 172**: Environmental Design Fundamentals Studio
- **ENGL 120**: College Composition II
- **COMM 110**: Fundamentals Of Public Speaking
- **ANTH 111**: Introduction To Anthropology
- **Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning**: 3
- **Gen Ed Wellness I**: 1
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### Second Year | Fall Semester

- **LA 231**: Digital Media + Methods Technology
- **LA 271**: Landform + Spacemaking Design Studio
- **ARCH 321**: History + Theory Of Architecture I
- **PLSC 355**: Woody Landscape Plants
- **Gen Ed Wellness II**: 2
- **Gen Ed Science & Technology**: 3
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### Second Year | Spring Semester

- **LA 332**: Digital Drawing + Representation Technology
- **LA 372**: Park + Open Space Design Studio
- **LA 322**: Landscape Architectural History
- **Gen Ed Science & Technology**: 3
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### Third Year | Fall Semester

- **LA 531**: Adv. Digital Applications + Analysis Tech.
- **LA 341**: Site Design + Detailing
- **LA 471**: Site Elements + Composition Design Studio
  - Gen Ed Science & Technology
  - Gen Ed Science & Technology Lab
- **GEN Ed Science & Technology**: 2
- **GEN Ed Science & Technology**: 3
- **GEN Ed Science & Technology**: 3
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### Third Year | Spring Semester

- **LA 542**: Adv. Grading + Drainage
- **LA 572**: Adv. Community Planning + Design Studio
- **LA 590**: Adv. Professional Graduate Preparation
- **ENGL 326**: Writing In The Design Profession or
- **ENGL 357**: Visual Culture & Language
- **Elective/Minor**: 3
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### Fourth Year | Fall Semester

- **LA 521**: Land. Theory, Research + Scholarly Methods
- **LA 573**: Public Placemaking Design Studio
  - Elective/Minor
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- **Elective/Minor**: 1
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### Fourth Year | Spring Semester

- **LA 642**: Construction Drawing + Documentation
- **LA 672**: Ecological Design Studio
- **LA 722**: Contemporary Topics In Planting Design
  - Elective/Minor
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- **Elective/Minor**: 1
- **Elective/Minor**: 1
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### Fifth Year | Fall Semester

- **LA 763**: Thesis Research + Programming
- **LA 771**: Performance Based Design Studio
- **LA 781**: Professional Practice
- **LA 789**: Professional Topics In Landscape Arch.
  - **Elective/Minor**: 3
  - **Elective/Minor**: 3
  - **Elective/Minor**: 3

### Fifth Year | Spring Semester

- **LA 772**: Graduate Thesis Design Studio
- **LA 789**: Professional Topics In Landscape Arch.
  - **Elective/Minor**: 1
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**Total Credits**

- 98 Foundational Credits
- 63 Advanced Level Credits
- 161 Total Credits

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**Professional Curriculum Notes:**

- Students apply to the MLA Program at the conclusion of the first year. Transfer students may be accepted into the third year with approved transcripts. A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses with an LA and ENVD prefix. If a student receives a grade of "D" or "F" in studio, student will be required to repeat the studio class the following year, before advancing to the next studio. One Professional Topics course may be replaced with a graduate course from another department, or two with permission. Students may take up to 10 credit hours at the Graduate Level as undergraduate students. Students apply to the Graduate School during the third year (90 credit hours). [https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply](https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply).

- After three years of undergraduate study the student officially enters the MLA Graduate School and has two years of graduate study (3+2 program as recognized by LAAB*).

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