

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, BLA

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (BLA)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The BLA is a special degree program; it is not considered a major. The BLA degree is not available to students who intend to earn a degree outside the College of Letters & Science.

BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics	Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.
Language	Complete the third unit of a language other than English.

L&S Breadth Complete:

- 12 credits of Humanities, including at least 3 credits of Literature; and
- 12 credits of Social Science; and
- 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include 6 credits in Biological Science and 6 credits in Physical Science.

Liberal Arts & Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Advanced Coursework	Complete at least 60 credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW–Madison Experience	Complete both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall, and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BLA

Code	Title	Credits
Introduction and Foundation		
LAND ARC 210	Introduction to Landscape Architecture Design Studio	3-4
or LAND ARC 366	Introduction to Architectural and Environmental Design	
LAND ARC 250	Survey of Landscape Architecture Design	3
LAND ARC 260	History of Landscape Architecture	3
Other Required Foundation Courses		
BOTANY 100	Survey of Botany	3-5
or BOTANY/ BIOLOGY 130	General Botany	
DS 221	Person and Environment Interactions	3
BOTANY/ENVIR ST/ ZOOLOGY 260	Introductory Ecology	3
LAND ARC 311	Introduction to Design Frameworks and Spatial Technologies	2
LAND ARC 380	Plants for Ecological Design I	2
LAND ARC 381	Plants for Ecological Design II	1
SOIL SCI/ENVIR ST/ GEOG 230	Soil: Ecosystem and Resource	3
or SOIL SCI 301	General Soil Science	
Intermediate Studio Sequence		
LAND ARC 261	Principles of Landscape Architecture Design and Graphics	4
LAND ARC 321	Environment and Behavior Studio - Designing Health Promoting Environments	4
LAND ARC 353	Landscape Architectural Technology I	3

LAND ARC 354	Landscape Architectural Technology II	3
Professional Theory and Practice Core		
LAND ARC/ ENVIR ST 361	Wetlands Ecology	3
or LAND ARC/ CHICLA 475	Latino Urbanism: Design and Engagement in the American City	
or LAND ARC 525	Social Justice and the Urban Landscape	
or LAND ARC 590	Special Topics	
or LAND ARC 668	Restoration Ecology	
or LAND ARC 677	Cultural Resource Preservation and Landscape History	
or URB R PL 411	Marketplaces and Entrepreneurship	
or URB R PL 512	Gentrification and Urban Restructuring	
or URB R PL 550	Transportation and the Built Environment	
or URB R PL 551	Climate Action Planning: Sustainable Transportation	
or URB R PL 601	Site Planning	
or URB R PL 611	Urban Design: Theory and Practice	
LAND ARC 460	Advanced Visual Communication in Landscape Architecture	3
LAND ARC 397	Internship in Landscape Architecture	1
LAND ARC 511	Geodesign Methods and Applications	3
LAND ARC 550	Professional Practice in Landscape Architecture	3
Advanced Studio Sequence		
LAND ARC 560	Plants and Ecology in Design	4
LAND ARC 562	Urban Design and Open Space Systems	4
LAND ARC 563	Designing Sustainable and Resilient Regions	4
Capstone Sequence		
LAND ARC 610 & LAND ARC 611	Landscape Architecture Capstone I and Landscape Architecture Capstone II	7
Total Credits		72

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all LAND ARC courses and courses that count toward the BLA program
- 2.000 GPA on 15 Upper Level credits, taken in Residence ¹
- 15 credits in LAND ARC, taken on the UW–Madison campus

FOOTNOTES

¹ LAND ARC and major courses numbered 500–699 are Upper Level.