

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & REGIONAL PLANNING, MLA

The Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning offers two primary courses of study leading to a professionally accredited Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree. The first professional degree program is three years in length and is designed for students with an undergraduate degree in a field other than landscape architecture or architecture. The second professional degree is two years in length and is designed for those who already hold an accredited bachelor's degree in either landscape architecture or architecture. Students may be admitted with advanced standing into either of these programs depending upon their respective backgrounds. Dual degree programs with Architecture (MLA/MARCH), City Planning (MLA/MCP), Historic Preservation (MLA/MSHP), Urban Spatial Analytics (MLA/MUSA), or Fine Arts (MLA/MFA) are also available. The Master of Landscape Architecture degree may be combined with Weitzman School of Design certificate programs, such as the Urban Design Certificate. The Department also offers a Certificate in Landscape Studies, designed for students who may wish to augment or focus their prior work through research into landscape topics.

For more information: <https://www.design.upenn.edu/landscape-architecture/work> (<https://www.design.upenn.edu/landscape-architecture/work/>)

Curriculum

MLA: First Professional Degree

A total of 28 course units are required for graduation.

First Year

Course	Units	Course	Units
LARP 7890	0	LARP Summer Institute: Lineages of Contemporary Landscape for 3-Year Students	0
LARP 7900	0	LARP Summer Institute: Natural Systems (3-year Students)	0
LARP 7910	0	LARP Summer Institute: Landscape Operations (3-year Students)	0
LARP 7920	0	LARP Summer Institute: Introduction to Digital Media (3-year Students)	0
Course Units		0.00	

Fall		
LARP 5010	Studio I	2
LARP 5110	Workshop I: Ecology and Built Landscapes	1
LARP 5350	Theory I: Histories and Theories of Landscape and Environment	1
LARP 5330	Media I: Drawing and Visualization	1
Course Units		5.00
Spring		
LARP 5020	Studio II	2
LARP 5120	Workshop II: Landform and Planting Design	1
LARP 5400	Theory II: The Culture of Nature	1
LARP 5420	Media II: Fundamentals of 3D Modeling	1
Course Units		5.00

Second Year

Fall		
LARP 6010	Studio III	2
LARP 6110	Workshop III: Site Engineering and Water Management	1
LARP 5430	Media III: Landscape and Digital Dynamics	1
Elective		1
Course Units		5.00
Spring		
LARP 6020	Studio IV	2
LARP 7610	Urban Ecology	1
Elective		1
Elective		1
Course Units		5.00

Third Year

Fall		
LARP 7010	Studio V	2
LARP 6120	Workshop IV: Advanced Landscape Construction	1

Elective		1	
	Course Units		4.00
Spring			
LARP 7020	Studio VI	2	
Elective		1	
Elective		1	
	Course Units		4.00
	Total Course Units		28.00

MLA: Second Professional Degree

A total of 19 course units are required for graduation.

First Year

			Course Units
Summer			
LARP 7930	LARP Summer Institute: Landform and Grading Workshop (2-Year Students)	0	
LARP 7940	LARP Summer Institute: Natural Systems (2-year students)	0	
LARP 7950	LARP Summer Institute: Computing Introduction (2-year Students)	0	
	Course Units		0.00

Fall			
LARP 6010	Studio III	2	
LARP 5120	Workshop II: Landform and Planting Design (Plants Audit Sessions) ¹	Audit	
LARP 6110	Workshop III: Site Engineering and Water Management	1	
LARP 5430	Media III: Landscape and Digital Dynamics	1	

LARP 5350	Theory I: Histories and Theories of Landscape and Environment	1	
	Course Units		5.00
Spring			
LARP 6020	Studio IV	2	
LARP 5120	Workshop II: Landform and Planting Design (Optional Spring Field Ecology Week)	Audit	
LARP 5400	Theory II: The Culture of Nature	1	
LARP 7610	Urban Ecology	1	
Elective		1	
	Course Units		5.00
Second Year			
Fall			
LARP 7010	Studio V	2	
LARP 6120	Workshop IV: Advanced Landscape Constructor	1	
Elective		1	
Elective		1	
	Course Units		5.00
Spring			
LARP 7020	Studio VI	2	
Elective		1	
Elective		1	
	Course Units		4.00
	Total Course Units		19.00

¹ All students entering with a Bachelor of Architecture degree are required to audit LARP 5120 Plants Audit Sessions.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.