

The Landscape Architecture Program at Michigan State University offers both an accredited four-and-a-half-year Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) Degree and a five-year dual degree program, which combines the accredited BLA with the Master of Environmental Design (MED) degree. The BLA degree program is structured around a dynamic design studio sequence and classroom learning environment. Core BLA classes and design studios are complimented by the natural and social sciences and the arts and humanities. An eight-week Study Abroad experience is integrated into the curriculum sequence in the spring semester of year three for which both BLA and dual degree BLA/MED students are eligible. Blending creativity, design, site engineering and technical skills, and developing well rounded professionals are at the heart of the curriculum. The BLA requires a total of 130 credit hours and is outlined below.

**Students Following the BLA Program must complete the following curriculum:**

Requirements for Admission to Fall Year 3 Upper Division courses are shown in *Italics*

**General University Courses**

*WRA 110-195H (4) College Writing*  
*ISS 2XX (4) Introduction to the Social Sciences*  
*CEM 141 (4) Chemistry*  
*CEM 161 (1) Chemistry Lab*  
*PLB 105 (3) Plant Biology*  
*PLB 106 (1) Plant Biology Lab*  
*IDES 240 or CAD equiv. (3) Computer Aided Design*  
*MTH 116 (5) College Algebra and Trigonometry*

Other University Requirements  
 IAH 201-210 (4) Arts and Humanities I  
 IAH 211+ (4) Arts and Humanities II  
 EC 201 or 202 (3) Micro or Macro Economics  
 or MTH 103 (3) Algebra + MTH 114 (3) Trigonometry

**Pre - Upper Division Core Courses**

**Fall Year 1**

*LA 140 (4) Graphics and 2D Design Studio*  
*LA 200 (3) Introduction to Landscape Architecture*  
*University Courses (6 – 9 credits)*

**Spring Year 1**

*LA 141 (4) Graphics and 3D Design Studio*  
*PDC 120 (2) Digital Graphics*  
*HRT 212 (3) Ornamental Shrubs*  
*University Courses (3 – 6 credits)*

**Fall Year 2**

*LA 230 (4) Site Construction Materials and Methods*  
*LA 242 (4) Creating Spaces Studio*  
*HRT 211 (3) Ornamental Trees*  
*University Courses (6 – 9 credits)*

**Spring Year 2**

*LA 231 (4) Landscape Site Engineering*  
*LA 243 (4) Place Making Studio*  
*HRT 311 (4) Planting Design Studio*  
*ISS 310 \* (4) History of Environmental Design*  
*\*Specific Landscape Architecture section*

**Upper Division Course Sequencing for Admitted BLA Degree Majors**

**Fall Year 3**

*LA 332 (4) Advanced Landscape Site Engineering*  
*LA 344 (5) Connections of Scale Studio*

**Spring Year 3 Optional Study Abroad**

*LA 345 (5) Design Development Studio*  
*LA 390 (3) Field Studies*  
*LA 421 (4) Drawing as Knowing*

**Fall Year 4**

*LA 447 (5) Regional Environmental Design Studio*

**Spring Year 4**

*LA 448 (2) Juried Design Studio*  
*UP 424 (3) GIS Design Tools for Planning*

**Fall Year 4 1/2**

*LA 480 (3) Professional Office Practice*  
*LA 449 (3) Landscape Architecture Studio*

plus Electives to reach 130 total

**BLA Degree 130 total credits**

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*This is only a GUIDE for completing the BLA degree. Students must meet with their Academic Advisor each year to ensure proper course scheduling for timely completion of the degree.*