

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

The Master of Landscape Architecture + Urbanism Program at Illinois Institute of Technology is a unique program in the United States in that we are a landscape architecture program in an urban private university. Our curriculum amplifies this urban context with courses that investigate complex landscape problems of the twenty-first century metropolis: the urban design implications of driverless cars, post-industrial sites, water quality and management, technological innovation, social equity, rapid urbanization, climate change, and a vital and open public realm, among others. More than ever, the world needs more informed, more innovative, more critically involved landscape architects—individuals who have emerged among design professionals to lead in the reclamation, organization, and understanding of our cities to meet these 21st century challenges.

Chicago is a unique metropolis to investigate the potential of urban landscapes. It is geographically positioned within the Great Lakes Basin, where twenty percent of the world's fresh water supply is both a vital natural resource and an economic catalyst for the mega-region. While Chicago enjoys the legacy of a world-class park system, it is being transformed by a set of contemporary projects and urban policies that signal the emergence of Chicago's 21st century landscape as a rigorous laboratory for global cities.

Additional Admission Requirements

To be admitted without conditions to the Master of Landscape Architecture program, an applicant is required to have prior college-level coursework in freehand drawing, biology, and earth science (geology, physical geography, hydrology, etc.). Candidates lacking these prerequisites may be admitted on the condition that they complete the required coursework before enrolling. Candidates will be notified upon admission of their program of study, which is determined by prior academic training and professional experience, as well as portfolio content.

Master of Landscape Architecture

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		(75)
LA 501	History, Theory, and Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory	3
LA 502	History, Theory, and Criticism II: Landscape Architectural History	3
LA 503	History, Theory, and Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory – Case Studies	3
LA 504	History, Theory, and Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar	3
LA 514	Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture I: Entrepreneurship and Practice	3
LA 516	Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time	3
LA 525	Design Media I: Drawing and Modeling the Landscape	3
LA 526	Design Media II: Digital Media	3
LA 527	Design Media III: Advanced Modeling and Fabrication-Dynamic Processes	3
LA 541	Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes	6
LA 542	Landscape Architecture Studio II: Site and City	6
LA 543	Landscape Architecture Studio III: Comprehensive Landscape Architecture	6
LA 544	Landscape Architecture Studio IV: Site, City, and Region	6
LA 545	Landscape Architecture Studio V: Metropolis	6
LA 546	Landscape Architecture Studio VI: Metropolis	6
LA 565	Ecology and Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting	3
LA 566	Ecology and Materials Workshop II: Earthworks and Infrastructures	3
LA 567	Ecology and Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction	3
LA 568	Ecology and Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment	3
Elective Courses		(15)
Select six credit hours of Landscape Architecture electives ¹		6
Select nine credit hours of Landscape Architecture/Architecture electives ²		9
Total Credit Hours		90

¹ Electives may be chosen from any LA 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval, subject to 400-level course limit restrictions.

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Master of Landscape Architecture with Advanced Standing

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		(48)
LA 501	History, Theory, and Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory	3
LA 503	History, Theory, and Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory – Case Studies	3
LA 504	History, Theory, and Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar	3
LA 516	Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time	3
LA 525	Design Media I: Drawing and Modeling the Landscape	3
LA 541	Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes	6
LA 542	Landscape Architecture Studio II: Site and City	6
LA 545	Landscape Architecture Studio V: Metropolis	6
LA 546	Landscape Architecture Studio VI: Metropolis	6
LA 565	Ecology and Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting ¹	3
LA 567	Ecology and Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction ¹	3
LA 568	Ecology and Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment	3
Elective Courses		(12)
Select three credit hours of Landscape Architecture electives ²		3
Select nine credit hours of Landscape Architecture/Architecture electives ³		9
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ Students with a B.L.A. may substitute Landscape Architecture/Architecture electives for LA 565 and LA 567.

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Electives

Media

- GIS
- Flash
- Animation
- Parametric (Revit)

History and Theory

- Specific designers, periods, themes

Current electives

- Urban planning

Research

- As per individual student and faculty interests

Master of Landscape Architecture Curriculum

Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Year 1 Credit Hours
LA 501	3	LA 502	3
LA 525	3	LA 526	3
LA 541	6	LA 542	6

LA 565	3	LA 566	3
15		15	
		Year 2	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
LA 504	3	LA 503	3
LA 527	3	LA 514	3
LA 543	6	LA 544	6
LA 567	3	LA 568	3
15		15	
		Year 3	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
LA 516	3	LA 546	6
LA 545	6	Landscape Architecture Elective ¹	3
Landscape Architecture Elective ¹	3	Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective ²	3
Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective ²	3	Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective ²	3
15		15	

Total Credit Hours: 90

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		Year 1	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
LA 501	3	LA 503	3
LA 525	3	LA 542	6
LA 541	6	LA 568	3
LA 565 ¹	3	Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective ²	3
15		15	
		Year 2	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
LA 504	3	LA 546	6
LA 516	3	Landscape Architecture Elective ³	3
LA 545	6	Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective ²	3
LA 567 ¹	3	Landscape Architecture/Architecture Elective ²	3
15		15	

Total Credit Hours: 60

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