LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term’s specific offerings. More Info (https://one.uf.edu/soc/)

Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.

Department Information

The Department of Landscape Architecture conducts research to enhance the understanding and practice of the profession of landscape architecture and address societal challenges; trains practitioners and scholars who are committed to advancing the efficacy, impact, and knowledge of the discipline of landscape architecture; and provides service to the diverse communities of the state, region, and abroad.

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Curriculum
- Combination Degrees
- Landscape Architecture Minor
- Landscape Architecture | 4-Year Professional Program

Courses

LAA 1330 Site Analysis 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Inventory, analysis and evaluation of site development procedures; emphasis on landscape ecology.

LAA 1532 Landscape Management 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Explores the relationship between planning and design decision-making and landscape management practices which are, in turn, based on the fundamental principles of ecology and landscape ecology.

LAA 1920 Introduction to Landscape Architecture 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces landscape architecture, a profession defined as an art and science of planning or designing on the land-arranging and creating spaces and objects in a landscape for human use. Open to all students.

LAA 2360C Principles of Landscape Architecture 5 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Builds upon the fundamental principles of design covered in previous studios to explore a range of landscape architectural issues. Site design problems incorporating a mixture of cultural, environmental, and historical topics provide a framework for students to develop their analytical skills, communication techniques, and general understanding of design.
Prerequisite: LAA 1330 with a minimum grade of C, and Landscape Architecture majors.
Corequisite: LAA 2379C.

LAA 2361C Planting Design Studio 5 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
The planting design studio introduces the planting design process, its relationship to the site planning, existing site conditions, project locale and client needs.
Prerequisite: LAA 2360C and ORH 3513C with minimum grades of C.

LAA 2376C Design Communications 1 4 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces visualization techniques via a project based studio in landscape architectural design and planning. Covers traditional drawing conventions, alternative methods of exploratory visualization and the techniques and processes used to produce these methods of communication.
LAA 2379C Design Communications 2 4 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Advances the design communication strategies introduced in Design Communications I by further developing skills in digital visualization and communication techniques. Additionally, expanding their skill set to include advanced applications in to include landform and three dimensional space object modeling and to be introduced to digital fabrication and three dimensional output.  
**Prerequisite:** LAA 2376C.

LAA 2710 History of Landscape Architecture 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Landscape architecture is the art and science of arranging functions and spaces within the ecology of the land and the culture of the humans who inhabit it. Surveys the history of humans as it is expressed in such diverse areas as urban form, community planning, gardens, parks and recreational areas, agricultural patterns and land management. Open to all students. (H and N)  
**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

LAA 3230 Theories of Landscape Architecture 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Explores the theories pertinent to the practice and study of landscape architecture. Addresses primarily aesthetic and cultural principles and values with related ecological aspects.  
**Prerequisite:** junior status or higher.

LAA 3350C Site Design and Planning Studio 5 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Application of basic site design principles on small-scale projects.  
**Prerequisite:** LAA 3352C.

LAA 3353C Urban Design Studio 6 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Design studio emphasizes the physical, social-behavioral, and civil factors involved with the design and planning of towns, cities and the public space found therein. Projects range in scale and complexity including the design of a new urban environment and/or existing urban development.  
**Prerequisite:** LAA 3350C.

LAA 3394 Advanced Design Communication 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Develop skills in digital visualization and communication techniques, exploring digital media as a landscape architecture tool for design and fabrication; produce high quality perspective drawings and design diagrams using Rhino and Adobe CC, and digital fabrication techniques using UF's Fab Lab.  
**Prerequisite:** LAA 2376C and LAA 2379C.

LAA 3420 Landscape Construction 1 5 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Characteristics of land form and the effects of grading on drainage, soils and location of landscape architectural elements; pavings, low retaining walls; quantification skills.  
**Prerequisite:** LAA 2360C.

LAA 3421 Landscape Construction 2 5 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Design and construction drawings for public and private landscape structures, landscape utilities, and irrigation system layouts; specifications, takeoffs and estimating.  
**Prerequisite:** LAA 3420.

LAA 4210 Landscape Architecture Professional Practice 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Preparation for professional practice and the understanding of the business of landscape architecture in private and public arenas.  
**Prerequisite:** junior status or higher.

LAA 4356 Environmental Planning Design Studio 6 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
**Prerequisite:** LAA 3350C.

LAA 4357 Senior Independent Project Seminar 2 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** S/U  
Focuses on proposal writing and information gathering to support the senior independent project.  
**Prerequisite:** LAA 4353C and LAA 3421.
LAA 4358 Senior Independent Project 6 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
This final semester-long project expands personal interests and talents, hones decision-making abilities, and sharpens professional skills through well-rounded, comprehensive completion of individual projects. Project must be approved by the faculty.
Prerequisite: completion of all previous design studios and construction courses.

LAA 4362 Design Communications for Landscape Architects 4 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Immersive experience in visualization techniques in landscape architectural design and planning. Covers traditional drawing conventions (plan, section/elevation and perspective) and builds skills in digital communication and visualization methods.
Prerequisite: Advanced standing in the program and/or instructor permission.

LAA 4450 Landscape Architecture Design Implementation 5 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Integration of the principles of construction with design. A combination of lecture and studio complements instruction in the design studio class. Students complete a full set of construction documents to support their design concept prepared in the beginning of the course.
Prerequisite: LAA 3420 and LAA 3421.

LAA 4905 Special Studies in Landscape Architecture 1-6 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studio investigations of topics in landscape architecture adjusted to individual needs of advanced undergraduate and graduate students.
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

LAA 4935 Gardens of the World 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Assessment and discussion of works of landscape architecture with emphasis on user evaluation, design trends, and research directions. Open to all majors.
Prerequisite: junior status or higher.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

LAA 4940 Landscape Architecture Internship 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Internship in a private/public sector office under the direction of a registered landscape architect; required for graduation.
Prerequisite: junior status or higher.

LAA 4941C Extended Internship with Landscape Architect 9 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Internship in a private/public sector office under the direction of a registered landscape architect.
Corequisite: LAA 4940.