

# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

## College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

Department of Human Ecology; 1303 Hart Hall; 530-752-1805; Landscape Architecture (<https://humanecology.ucdavis.edu/landscape-architecture-major/>); Faculty ([https://humanecology.ucdavis.edu/people/?first=&last=&title=&unit=Landscape%20Architecture%20%2B%20Environmental%20Design&field\\_sf\\_person\\_type\\_target\\_id%5B0%5D=26](https://humanecology.ucdavis.edu/people/?first=&last=&title=&unit=Landscape%20Architecture%20%2B%20Environmental%20Design&field_sf_person_type_target_id%5B0%5D=26))

Landscape architecture is the planning and design of urban and rural areas where human use requires environmental adaptation or conservation. Students in landscape architecture acquire skills to enhance physical environments and the people who use them. They are capable of solving physical problems and are able to visualize and think in terms of space, culture, and change over time. The program is fully accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) which is the only organization professionally sanctioned to grant landscape architectural accreditations in the United States. The program was last reviewed in 2018.

## The Program

The curriculum balances creativity and visual and spatial skills with technological expertise and a thorough background in physical, natural, and social sciences. Students develop proficiency at problem solving relating to design of parks, public spaces, energy-efficient neighborhoods, land reclamation projects, city and regional planning, and landscape planning for wilderness and scenic regions, coastal and riparian environments, and other sensitive land areas. The program stresses a process-oriented approach to design and emphasizes environmental and community values.

## Preparatory Requirements

Students are admitted to the Landscape Architecture major after submitting an application for review and selection by the faculty; students may be admitted as Pre-Landscape Architecture or other majors; see Application Process (<https://humanecology.ucdavis.edu/portfolio-application-process/>).

## Career Alternatives

Graduates may find jobs in private landscape architectural firms or public agencies, non-profit organizations, and corporations employing landscape architects. The landscape architecture major provides the student with excellent preparation for graduate school or career development in a wide range of environmental and design-related fields.

## Advising Center

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## Lead Faculty Advisor.

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## Graduate Study

Graduate-level landscape architecture courses are available to students pursuing graduate programs compatible with or directed toward landscape management, planning, and design issues. A Graduate

Academic Certificate in Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design is an option for any graduate student; see Graduate Academic Certificates (<https://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/programs/graduate-academic-certificates/>). Program faculty are active members of various graduate groups: Community Development, Geography, Transportation Technology & Policy, and Ecology. Faculty members have expertise in many areas, including landscape history, social theory, practice of public space design, historic landscape preservation, city and regional planning, community participation in urban landscape design, landscape ecology, conservation planning, resource management, bioregionalism, and regenerative landscape systems. Graduate students pursue more focused interests, expanding their professional expertise and/or conducting advanced research in landscape architecture correlated disciplines.

The major requirements below are in addition to meeting University Requirements (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate-education/university-degree-requirements/>) & College Requirements (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate-education/college-degree-requirements/>); unless otherwise noted. The minimum number of units required for the Landscape Architecture Bachelor of Science major is 142.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Preparatory Subject Matter</b>		
BIS 002B	Introduction to Biology: Principles of Ecology & Evolution	5
CMN 001	Introduction to Public Speaking (Also counts toward English Composition Requirement)	4
	or CMN 001V	Introduction to Public Speaking
ENH 006	Introduction to Environmental Plants	4
MAT 016A	(Discontinued for spring 2025) **	3-4
	or STA 013	Elementary Statistics
	or STA 013V	Elementary Statistics
	or STA 013Y	Elementary Statistics
Choose one:		3-5
CHE 002A	General Chemistry	
CHE 010	Concept of Chemistry	
EPS 001		
	or GEL 001 DISCONTINUED FOR FALL 2026 **	
PHY 001A	Principles of Physics	
PHY 010	Topics in Physics for Nonscientists	
SSC 010	Soils in Our Environment	
Choose two courses satisfying Social Sciences General Education requirement; may count toward both GE and the major.		8
Choose two courses satisfying Arts & Humanities General Education requirement; may count toward both GE and the major.		8
<i>Landscape Architecture</i>		
LED 001	Introduction to Environmental Design	4
	or LDA 001 DISCON	
LED 002	Place, Culture & Community	4
	or LDA 002 DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2026 **	
LED 003	Sustainable Development: Theory & Practice	4
	or LDA 003 DISCON	
LED 021	Landscape & Environmental Design Representation I	4

or LDA 021 DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2026 **		
LED 030	History of Environmental Design	4
or LDA 030 DISCON		
LED 050	Site Ecology	4
or LDA 050 DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2026 **		
LED 060	Landform & Grading Studio	6
or LDA 060 DISCON		
LED 070	Introduction to Spacemaking	4
or LDA 070 DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2026 **		
<i>English Writing</i>		
Choose one:		4
Also counts toward English Composition Requirement		
ENL 003	Introduction to Literature	
or ENL 003V Introduction to Literature		
UWP 001	Introduction to Academic Literacies	
or UWP 001V Introduction to Academic Literacies: Online		
or UWP 001Y Introduction to Academic Literacies		
UWP 101	Advanced Composition	
or UWP 101V Advanced Composition		
or UWP 101Y Advanced Composition		
UWP 102A	Writing in the Disciplines: Special Topics	
UWP 102B	Writing in the Disciplines: Biology	
UWP 102C	Writing in the Disciplines: History	
UWP 102D	Writing in the Disciplines: International Relations	
UWP 102E	Writing in the Disciplines: Engineering	
UWP 102F	Writing in the Disciplines: Food Science & Technology	
UWP 102G	Writing in the Disciplines: Environmental Writing	
UWP 102H	Writing in the Disciplines: Human Development & Psychology	
UWP 102I	Writing in the Disciplines: Ethnic Studies	
UWP 102J	Writing in the Disciplines: Fine Arts	
UWP 102K	Writing in the Disciplines: Sociology	
UWP 102L	Writing in the Disciplines: Film Studies	
UWP 104A	Writing in the Professions: Business Writing	
or UWP 104AV Writing in the Professions: Business Writing		
or UWP 104AY Writing in the Professions: Business Writing		
UWP 104B	Writing in the Professions: Law	
UWP 104C	Writing in the Professions: Journalism	
UWP 104D	Writing in the Professions: Elementary & Secondary Education	
UWP 104E	Writing in the Professions: Science	
UWP 104F	Writing in the Professions: Health	
or UWP 104FV Writing in the Professions: Health		
or UWP 104FY Writing in the Professions: Health		
UWP 104I	Writing in the Professions: Internships	
UWP 104J	Writing in the Professions: Writing for Social Justice	
UWP 104T	Writing in the Professions: Technical Writing	

Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal 73-76

### Depth Subject Matter

#### Landscape Architecture

LED 119	Landscape & Environmental Design Representation II (Discontinued)	4
or LDA 119 DISCON		
LED 120	Landscape & Environmental Design Representation III	4
or LDA 120 DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2026 **		
LED 160	Design & Build Studio	6
or LDA 160 DISCON		
LED 161	Professional Practice & Construction Documents	4
or LDA 161 DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2026 **		
LED 170	Site Planning & Design Studio	6
or LDA 170 DISCON		
LED 171	Urban Design & Planning Studio	6
or LDA 171 DISCONTINUED FOR SPRING 2026 **		
LED 182	Advanced Landscape Architecture Studio I	6
or LDA 182 DISCON		
LED 183	Advanced Landscape Architecture Studio II	6
or LDA 183 DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2026 **		
LED 184	Capstone Landscape Architecture Studio	6
or LDA 184 DISCON		
LED 190	Proseminar in Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design	1
or LDA 190 DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2026 **		

#### Environmental Horticulture

ENH 105	Taxonomy & Ecology of Environmental Plant Families (Discontinued) **	4
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Depth Subject Matter Subtotal 53

### Restricted Electives

Choose 16 units of upper division courses in consultation with advisor. 16

**Total Units 142-145**

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Course(s) discontinued; see your advisor for course options.