

# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, BLA

for the degree of Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

- Department website (<https://landarch.illinois.edu/>)
- Department faculty (<https://landarch.illinois.edu/faculty/>)
- Overview of College Admissions & Requirements (<https://faa.illinois.edu/student-resources/future-students/applying-to-faa/>)
- College website (<https://faa.illinois.edu/>)
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The department's administrative office, upper-level studios, faculty offices, and classrooms are located in Temple Hoyne Buell Hall. The department also has a studio is located in Mumford Hall.

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## Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 124 hours.

## University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300- or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree.

Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

## General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the unit.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	fulfilled by LA 314	
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	fulfilled by LA 314 and any other course approved as Humanities & the Arts	
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	fulfilled by any Life Science; and any Physical Science	
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
	fulfilled by LA 314	

Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I) 6-10

fulfilled by STAT 100 or MATH 115 or MATH 220 or MATH 221 or MATH 234; and any other course approved as Quantitative Reasoning I or II

Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required) 0-15

## Landscape Architecture Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
<b>College Orientation</b>		<b>1</b>
FAA 101	Arts at Illinois	
<b>Math, pick one from the following list</b>		<b>3 min</b>
STAT 100	Statistics	
MATH 115	Preparation for Calculus	
MATH 220	Calculus	
MATH 221	Calculus I	
MATH 234	Calculus for Business I	
	or any other QR1 with approval of advisor	
<b>Physical Science</b>		<b>3</b>
	Any Natural Science & Technology: Physical Sciences general education course	
<b>Life Science</b>		<b>3</b>
	Any Natural Science & Technology: Life Sciences general education course	
<b>Construction, Plant Materials &amp; Design, History, &amp; Design Communications</b>		<b>29</b>
LA 101	Introduction to Landscape Arch	2
LA 241	Landform Design & Construction	3
LA 250	Environmental Site Analysis	3
LA 280	Design Communications I	3
LA 281	Design Communications II	3
LA 314	History of World Landscapes	4
LA 342	Site Engineering	4
LA 343	Landscape Construction	4
LA 452	Planting Design	3
<b>Design Studio Courses</b>		<b>30</b>
LA 233	Foundation Design Studio	5
LA 234	Site Design Studio	5
LA 335	Community & Open Space Studio	5
LA 336	Design Workshop Studio I	5
LA 437	Regional Design Studio	5
LA 438	Design Workshop Studio II	5
<b>Professional Preparation</b>		<b>2</b>
LA 346	Professional Practice	
<b>Urban &amp; Regional Planning</b>		<b>3</b>
	Any UP course	
<b>Horticulture</b>		<b>4</b>
LA 352	Woody Landscape Plants	
<b>Focused Electives</b>		<b>18</b>
Focused electives are required of all BLA students to graduate and must be approved by the BLA Advisor during an advising appointment.		

**Summary of Credits for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture**

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		
	Landscape Architecture Curriculum	78
	Focused Electives	18
	Free Electives	
Total Credit Hours Required		124

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This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. This may require up to three semesters of language depending on high school coursework or placement. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

**First Year**

First Semester	Hours
FAA 101	1
LA 101	2
LA 280	3
Life Science course	3
Composition I or Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
Free Elective course	1
<b>14</b>	

**Total Hours 14****First Year**

Second Semester	Hours
LA 281	3
BLA Math Requirement course	3
General Education course	3
Physical Science course	3
Language Other Than English (3rd level) or Composition I	4
<b>16</b>	

**Total Hours 16****Second Year**

First Semester	Hours
LA 233	5
LA 241	3
Any UP course	3

General Education course	3
General Education course	3
<b>17</b>	

**Total Hours 17****Second Year**

Second Semester	Hours
LA 234	5
LA 250	3
Focused Elective	4
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	1
<b>16</b>	

**Total Hours 16****Third Year**

First Semester	Hours
LA 335	5
LA 342	4
LA 346	2
LA 352	4
<b>15</b>	

**Total Hours 15****Third Year**

Second Semester	Hours
LA 336	5
LA 343	4
LA 314	4
Focused Elective	3
<b>16</b>	

**Total Hours 16****Fourth Year**

First Semester	Hours
LA 437	5
LA 452	3
Focused Elective	3
General Education course	3
<b>14</b>	

**Total Hours 14****Fourth Year**

Second Semester	Hours
LA 438	5
General Education course	3
Focused Elective	4
Focused Elective	4
<b>16</b>	

**Total Hours 16****Total Hours: 124**

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Bachelor of Landscape Architecture students will:

1. **Build Knowledge & Develop Reasoning Skills** in applying broad and deep knowledge across academic disciplines and fields and using this knowledge to develop design proposals.
2. Apply knowledge of the **Natural World** to guide design decisions and activities taking into account natural resource constraints that impact land use.
3. **Strengthen Social Awareness** to better understand the social and cultural influences on human behavior and the social, political, economic, and legal institutions which influence land-use and design decisions.
4. Employ **Creative Inquiry and Discovery** in addition to a range of analytical skills, and general knowledge to develop design proposals, solve problems, generate new ideas, and produce creative work.
5. Demonstrate **Responsible Leadership** in working with the land and the people for whom we design.

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## College of Fine & Applied Arts

Fine & Applied Arts (<https://faa.illinois.edu>)

## Admissions

FAA College Admissions & Requirements (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/faa/>)

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Undergrad Admissions (<https://www.admissions.illinois.edu/>)