

Public Information 2021-2022

This document contains public information for the accredited Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) and Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) at the University of Florida as required by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB).

Accreditation Status: Landscape architects lead the planning, design, and stewardship of healthy, equitable, safe, and resilient environments. In recognition of the landscape architecture profession's impact on public health, safety, and welfare, states regulate landscape architectural practice through **licensure**. Generally, an individual seeking licensure must have graduated from an **accredited** university program.

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) is vested with its authority by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Board of Trustees to develop and promulgate the accreditation standards, rules, and procedures for conducting the accreditation process. Accreditation is a non-governmental, voluntary system of self-regulation. The LAAB accreditation process evaluates each program based on its stated objectives and compliance with externally mandated minimum standards. The program conducts a self-study to assess how well it meets its educational goals. The LAAB then provides an independent assessment, which determines if a program meets stated accreditation requirements. Programs leading to first professional degrees at the bachelor's or master's levels in the United States are eligible to apply for accreditation from the LAAB.

The University of Florida's Bachelor and Master of Landscape Architecture programs are accredited and meet the educational requirements for licensure in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Most states require graduates of an accredited program to complete 2-4 years of experience under a licensed landscape architect and successfully complete the Landscape Architecture Registration Examination. You can check ASLA's website for license requirements for each state ([look up each state here](#)) or view the [ASLA fact sheet](#) on this topic.

1. Student Achievement

Students graduating from the **UF MLA** will have mastered the following Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

1. Integrate concepts from the **general body of knowledge** of the profession of Landscape Architecture in design decision-making.
2. Apply **core professional skills** in landscape architecture.
3. **Combine and analyze information** from multiple sources to support design decision-making.
4. Produce professional visual, oral and written **communications**.
5. Devise **research methodologies** and conclusions appropriate to individual area of interest.
6. Display **ethical behavior and professional conduct**.

An external jury of professional landscape architects and department faculty assessed the MLA Student Learning Outcomes. The assessment values are on a scale of 1 to 5 where one is the weakest and five is the strongest. Following are the 2021-2022 assessments:

MLA Student Learning Outcomes:

1. General Body of Knowledge	4.6
2. Core Professional Skills	4.6
3. Analysis and Synthesis in Decision-Making	4.6
4. Communication Skills	4.5
5. Research Methodologies	4.5
6. Ethical Behavior and Professional Conduct	4.9

Students graduating from the **UF BLA** will have mastered the following Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

1. Integrate concepts from the **general body of knowledge** of the profession of landscape architecture in design decision making.
2. Apply **core professional landscape architecture skills** in design-decision making.
3. Apply **ethical understanding** to Design-Decision Making
4. Apply core professional landscape architecture **critical thinking skills in design-decision making**.
5. Produce professional visual, oral, and written **communications**

An external jury of professional landscape architects and department faculty assessed the BLA Student Learning Outcomes. The assessment values are on a scale of 1 to 5 where one is the weakest and five is the strongest. Following are the 2021-2022 assessments:

BLA Student Learning Outcomes:

1. General Body of Knowledge	4.4
2. Core Professional Skills	4.2
3. Ethical Understanding	4.4
4. Analysis and Synthesis in Decision-Making	4.3
5. Communication Skills	4.3

2. Student Retention and Graduation Rates

In 2021-2022, there were 13 BLA degrees awarded, and 9 MLA degrees awarded.

Retention Rates:

The percentage of MLA students returning for their final year of study in the MLA program was 100%. The percentage of BLA students returning for their final year of study in the BLA program was 100%.

Graduation Rates:

The First Professional MLA is a three-and-a-half-year program, and the 2021-2022 on-time graduation rate is 67% for AY 2021-22. The BLA program is a five-year program (changed to 4-year program for the 2022-23 academic year), and the 2021-2022 on-time graduation rate is 77% for AY 2021-22.

The landscape architecture faculty teach a wide variety of courses and research many different topics. Five of the faculty are professionally licensed and five have a Ph.D.

3. Required Equipment and Fees

Laptop requirements are listed on the website and [can be found here](#). Certain studio courses have associated material fees. Depending on the number of studio courses you have each year, the total amount of studio fees is approximately \$100 - 600. Studio fees are used to pay for shared resources, such as studio printers and required supplies. Students may incur additional costs for miscellaneous supplies and software for personal computers.

4. Required Field Trips

Second year BLA students participate in a three-day central and south-east Florida field trip to visit built works and studios throughout the state. The cost of this trip including the transportation (bus), hotels and meals is approximately \$500.

Third year BLA students and first year FPMLA students participate in a week-long field trip visiting urban environments including such destinations as San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver. Students visit noteworthy built projects and prominent professional firms and public agencies. The cost of this trip including the transportation (bus), hotels and meals is approximately \$1200.

5. Student Outcomes

Upon graduation, most students elect to work in private practice. Several students will elect to pursue graduate education to obtain additional educational or research experiences, and others go to work in allied fields.