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a panoramic discipline

People have always changed the landscape and adapted it to their purposes: damming streams for water supplies, clearing forests for towns or carving an amphitheater into a hillside. Design is our way of controlling the results of the change we intend. When we apply design to landscape change, we ensure the creation of meaningful and compelling places as the setting for our lives.

Landscape architecture is the profession that provides landscape planning, design and management services to enhance and protect natural and built environments. Landscape architecture as a discipline is devoted to understanding and managing the human and environmental forces that change the landscape. Landscape architects plan and design places for the health, safety and welfare of citizens through systematic decision-making that integrates science, art and technology. This design process helps create, protect and improve landscapes thereby enhancing individual and community quality of life.

MLA/admissions

All applicants must meet the requirements for graduate admission to Texas A&M University and the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning. All applicants will be evaluated for acceptance into the graduate program of landscape architecture based up on an evaluation of the following information:

- The candidate's written letter of intent;
- * The candidate's official transcripts and GRE scores;
- A portfolio developed by the candidate giving evidence of his or her graphic design and planning skills or potential;
- Documented evidence of the candidate's knowledge or interest in the natural and built environment; and
- * Letter(s) of recommendation.

Qualified advanced study students have some professional design/planning experience, plus an academic background in some design/planning field. Career change candidates are those qualified graduate students who are in need of some design/planning leveling courses prior to entering the two-year advanced program.

All MLA students who graduate from our program are trained and educated to the professional standard of "entry level." Consequently, all our students who desire to do so are readily employed in the professional field upon graduation.

* Items marked with an asterisk above should be sent to:

Office of Admissions and Records
Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas 77843-0100

All other items should be sent to:

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internship opportunities

During the summer of the first advanced year graduate students are required to secure a position as an intern with a professional design and planning firm. They are required to work under the supervision of a licensed landscape architect during that period. An evaluation of their work is sent to the graduate coordinator at the end of that work period by the landscape architect.

Texas A&M MLA graduates have been very successful securing work at major firms in Texas throughout the country. Many of the larger nationally-based firms offer competitive internship awards. Among them are firms offering internship programs won by second-year MLA students.

Among the major private firms who have hired MLA graduates or offered student internships are: Johnson, Johnson, & Roy, Ann Arbor, Mich. and Chicago, Ill.; EDAW, San Diego, Calif.; Design Workshop, Aspen, Colo.; Carol R. Johnson Associates, Boston, Mass.; EDSA, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Sasaki Walker Associates, Houston, Texas; TBG Partners, Houston and Austin, Texas; and Land Design, Washington, DC.

Federal Agencies employing Texas A&M MLA graduates include: the National Park Service in Alaska, Nebraska, Arizona, Colorado and Vermont; and the National Forest Service in Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Colorado.

final study

The MLA degree program requires the student to complete studies in required, elective, and personally selected coursework including a final project.

The final project is chosen by the candidate in consultation with his or her individual graduate advisory committee. The project demonstrates the student's ability to carry out the study of a specific planning and design problem that results in a professional-grade solution. It requires a documented record of study which summarizes the goals, objectives, method of study and alternative design solution of the completed activity.

a view of the curriculum

The Master of Landscape Architecture degree program is open to candidates with an undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture OR to candidates with an undergraduate degree in related fields. Candidates seeking a career change must complete a one-year study in the profession's basic skills before they enter the advanced studies program. Graduates in the MLA program are eligible to take the national landscape architecture exam for professional registration.

Fifty-two hours of advanced coursework are required for graduation, including 18 elective credit hours to help students formulate their special study emphasis and final project.

Specific information on curriculum requirements may be found on the Web site:

<http://archone.tamu.edu/mla>

MLA Courses:

LAND 601	Landscape Architectural Design Theory
LAND 602	Landscape Architectural Design Application
LAND 603	Principles & Techniques of Land Development
LAND 612	Landscape Architectural Site Development
LAND 614	Landscape Architectural Construction
LAND 620	Open Space Development I
LAND 621	Open Space Development II
LAND 630	Development of Landscape Architecture
LAND 640	Research Methods in Landscape Architecture
LAND 645	Practice Diversity in Landscape Architecture
LAND 646	Professional Practice
LAND 655	Landscape Architectural Communication
LAND 661	Visual Quality for Design & Planning
LAND 684	Professional Internship
LAND 691	Research
LAND 693	Professional Study

For more information and course descriptions please use the Texas A&M University Graduate Catalog Online at:
http://www.tamu.edu/admissions/catalogs/GRAD_catalog/

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The Master of Landscape Architecture is one of five programs managed by the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning that lead to undergraduate, professional, and research degrees. With over 35 faculty and 250 students, the department has unmatched resources to address all areas related to landscape architecture and urban planning. As a unit of the College of Architecture, the department is part of a vibrant research and teaching community that can comprehensively address issues of the built and virtual environments and includes the departments of Architecture and Construction Science. The wider academic family of Texas A&M University is world-renowned for its leadership in teaching, research and service. Located in College Station, Texas, students benefit from a small community atmosphere while having access to three of the 10 largest cities of the United States.

career prospects

MLA graduates are in high demand at the state and national level. This increased interest in landscape architects is related to the increasing physical, economic and political conflicts presented by urban development. It has been discovered that conflicts can be resolved most appropriately by applying planning and design skills to the decision making process. Landscape architects are highly qualified to help make these decisions because of their skills and expertise acquired during their academic and professional training.

Private firms lead the way in hiring Texas A&M's MLA graduates. Governmental agencies at the federal, state and local levels have need of landscape architecture skills as well. Most recently, graduates have found employment in professional firms that promote the collaboration of landscape architecture, architecture, engineering and construction skills to resolve development problems. MLA graduate students are qualified to pursue post-graduate education at the Ph.D. level if immediate professional employment is not their primary goal.

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