Degree Requirements, Landscape Architecture

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program’s office and online at https://utexas.box.com/v/UTAustinGraduateHandbooks. Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Master of Landscape Architecture

The Master of Landscape Architecture professional degree program is accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB). Graduate coursework prepares the student for advanced work in the field and fulfills the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Board’s (CLARB) education requirement. The student’s coursework is individually prescribed and based upon previous academic work as shown by transcripts, portfolio, studio supplement, statement of intent, and references.

Students entering without a background in landscape architecture usually complete the professional degree program in 87 semester hours of coursework or approximately three years and a preceding summer session of in-residence study. Subject to recommendations made by a faculty committee, qualified students holding pre-professional bachelor’s degrees in landscape studies or environmental design must complete a minimum of 64 semester hours of prescribed coursework. Students entering with a professional degree in architecture (B.Arch or M.Arch) must complete a minimum of 48 semester hours of coursework prescribed by a faculty committee. All Master of Landscape Architecture professional degree candidates must demonstrate proficiency in design and visual communication and mastery of the curriculum through a qualifying portfolio review conducted by the faculty before enrolling in advanced coursework.

Master of Science in Landscape Architecture

The Master of Science in Landscape Architecture degree is designed to provide individuals with an accredited landscape architecture degree opportunities to engage in advanced scholarship and professional development. Students usually complete program requirements in two years, with 48 semester hours of coursework.

Students in both Landscape Architecture programs may participate in graduate portfolio programs. Graduate portfolio programs provide opportunities for students to obtain credentials in a cross-disciplinary academic area of inquiry while they are completing the requirements of a Master's degree program. Additional information is available from the graduate advisor.