

LANDSCAPE CONTRACTING, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

Landscape Contracting involves constructing, establishing, and maintaining landscapes from small residential projects to large commercial and industrial projects, as well as producing plans for small-scale residential and commercial sites. Students develop skills in construction, site design, plant material usage, plant establishment, and landscape maintenance. Students are also educated in areas such as graphics, surveying, soils, turfgrass management, weed and pest management, and in business operations.

Students are encouraged to obtain on-the-job experience in landscape contracting by working with a landscape maintenance or construction firm, or other related business. Credits for this experience are available for those who choose to enroll in an internship.

A wide variety of opportunities exist for landscape contracting graduates. They may be employed by design/build firms, landscape management firms, nurseries, or garden centers. Others may choose to work for municipalities, golf courses, parks, or botanical gardens.

Design/Build Option

This option focuses on the development of skills in the planning and implementation of landscape projects. Employment opportunities exist with landscape contracting companies, irrigation companies, and retail centers.

Management Option

This option provides professional education in the management of landscapes. Employment opportunities include positions with landscape management companies and golf courses.

What is Landscape Contracting?

Landscape contracting is a highly specialized profession that involves the design, construction, and management of outdoor environments. The industry is dependent upon educated and well-trained individuals who are capable of creating sustainable design solutions that meet or exceed client expectations. Penn State is at the forefront of preparing students to be leaders in this exciting industry.

You Might Like this Program If...

- You are interested in owning your own company or working for small to large landscape firms as a project manager or account manager on residential and commercial projects
- You enjoy learning in both classroom and outdoor settings

- You are interested in a program that offers design studios and computer classrooms with up-to-date software applications for creating 2-D and 3-D landscape plans
- You like to be outside and want to work with your hands

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE TO STUDY LANDSCAPE CONTRACTING (<https://agsci.psu.edu/academics/undergraduate/majors/landscape-contracting>)