

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, B.L.A.

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: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree in Landscape Architecture, a minimum of 139 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	6
Requirements for the Major	91

3 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 3 credits of GN courses (SOILS 101).

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
SOILS 101	Introductory Soil Science	3
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
LARCH 60	Cultural History of Designed Places	3
LARCH 115	Design I: Intro Spatial Composition	3
LARCH 116	Design II: Spatial Design	3
LARCH 125	Landscape Architecture Orientation Seminar	1
LARCH 145	Ecology and Plants I	3
LARCH 155	Skills Lab I: Hand & Digital Graphics	2
LARCH 156	Skills Lab II: Hand & Digital Graphics	2
LARCH 215	Design III: Site Design	4
LARCH 216	Design IV: Expanded Use, Scale, and Context	4
LARCH 235	Design Implementation I: Grading	3
LARCH 236	Design Implementation II: Materials	3
LARCH 245	Ecology & Plants II	3
LARCH 246	Ridge & Valley in the Field	1
LARCH 255	Skills Lab III: Digital Graphics	2
LARCH 256	Skills Lab IV: GIS	2
LARCH 276	Human Dimensions of Design: History & Theory	3
LARCH 315	Design V: Expanded Use, Scale, and Context	4
LARCH 335	Design Implementation III: Planting Methods	3
LARCH 336	Design Implementation IV: Stormwater	3
LARCH 365W	Contemporary Trends in Landscape Architecture	3

LARCH 375	Human Dimensions of Design - Applied	3
LARCH 386	Professional Practice	3
LARCH 414	Design and Theory V: Advanced Landscape Architectural Design (5 per semester, maximum of 15)	15
LARCH 424	Design Theory Seminar	3
LARCH 499A	Design Theory Seminar	1
LARCH 499B	Design and Theory VI: Contemporary/International Landscape Architectural Design Issues	5
LARCH 499D	Contemporary/International Special Topics	3

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.