

Cal Poly Pomona - Department of Landscape Architecture



MLA

Master of Landscape Architecture: Advanced Standing Track

Curriculum Roadmap AY25/26

48+ units	Units Required	Year 1 (skip)		Year 2			Year 3	
		FALL	SPRING	ITALY FALL Study Abroad Option	FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
DESIGN STUDIOS <small>Studios meet 3 hours x 3-days/week</small>	12	LA 5111L <i>Skip</i>	LA 5121L <i>Skip</i>	LA 4811L <i>Advanced International LA Lab</i>	LA 6111L <i>Grad Design III Lab</i>	LA6121L <i>Grad Design IV Lab</i>	LA 6071L <i>Grad Design V Lab</i>	LA 6081L <i>Grad Design VI Lab</i>
LANDSCAPE HISTORY & THEORY	3			LA 5872 * <i>History of International Landscapes</i>	LA 5772 <i>Landscape Architecture Theory</i>	LA 5261 History <i>May be required to replace one elective</i>	LA 5772 <i>(for Italy Program Students)</i>	
LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT & PRO-PRACTICE	3	LA 5771 <i>Skip</i>		LA 5873 <i>International LA Professional Practice</i>	LA 4771 <i>Professional Practice</i>			
DESIGN METHODS, TECHNOLOGY, & APPLICATION	6	LA 5771 <i>Skip</i>		LA 4782 * <i>Evolving Issues in Environmental Design</i>	LA 5582 Geodesign <i>May be required to replace one elective</i>	LA 5582 Geodesign <i>May be required to replace one elective</i>	LA 6773 <i>Advanced Design Methods Seminar</i>	LA 6773 <i>Advanced Design Methods Seminar</i>
PLANTS+ ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS	6				LA 6441 <i>Plants and Ecology</i>		LA 6451 <i>Coupled Human and Natural Systems</i>	
CONSTRUCTION + SITE ENGINEERING	0					LA 5611/LA5261 <i>Construction may be required</i>		LA 5611/LA5261 <i>Construction may be required</i>
RESEARCH METHODS & PRACTICE	9					LA 6771 <i>Research Methods for Environmental Design</i>	LA 6941 <i>Thesis / Project Research</i>	LA 6951 <i>Master's Project</i>
DIRECTED ELECTIVES * <small>9 units of Directed Electives required. See MLA Handbook for full list of approved courses.</small>	9			LA 5990 Special Topics *	MLA Elective 1 *	MLA Elective 2 *		MLA Elective 3 *
Total Units	48	0 units	0 units	15 units	12 to 15 units	9- 15 units	12 to 15 units	9- 12 units

LEGEND:

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Required MLA courses to be taken in sequence.

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Courses that can be taken in multiple semesters.

MLA CURRICULUM NOTES

All LA courses are 3 units.
Courses with a 'L' suffix are Labs/Studios (9 hours/week).
All other LA course are Lectures/Seminars (3 hours/week).
Only one Lab/Studio may be taken per Semester and all must be completed in sequence.

See MLA Handbook for full list of pre-approved electives, or contact the Graduate Coordinator about other courses.

Participation in the Italy (fall) Study Abroad Program requires permission of Graduate Coordinator for Advanced Standing students. Requires taking LA5772 in the Fall of 3rd Year.

The independent thesis option is currently suspended. All students should plan on the year-long group master's project in their culminating year.

LA4782, LA4990, and LA5990 each have a 2x repeat for credit limit. Refer to the Curriculog for latest update.

* MLA Directed Electives (9-units required)

LA 4251, LA5261, LA 5782, and LA 5872	LA History courses
LA 5782 Teaching Practicum	Requires Invitation by instructor
LA 6772 Finding Problems	Offered at discretion of the department
LA 4781, LA5611, LA 5621	Construction
LA6910 Directed Research or LA6920 Independent Research	Require permission of the instructor
LA 4782, LA 4990/L, and LA 5990	Seminar topics to be announced every term.

** Advanced Standing Conditions

Students admitted into the Advanced Standing Track may be required to complete additional coursework, or may receive course waivers to replace required courses with additional electives. **For examples, Students with an accredited degree in landscape architecture may petition to replace LA4771 with an additional elective. Students with a degree in botany, horticulture, biology, and ecology may petition to replace LA6441 with an additional elective.** Graduation requires earning a minimum of 48-units. Please contact the MLA Graduate Coordinator for additional advice.