

Cal Poly Pomona - Department of Landscape Architecture



MLA

Master of Landscape Architecture - General Standing Track

Curriculum Roadmap AY25/26

72-units	Year 1		Year 2			Year 3	
Units Required	FALL	SPRING	ITALY FALL Study Abroad Option	FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
DESIGN STUDIOS <small>Studios meet 3 hours x 3-days/week</small> 18	LA 5111L Grad Design I Lab	LA 5121L Grad Design II Lab	LA 4811L Advanced International LA Lab	LA 6111L Grad Design III Lab	LA6121L Grad Design IV Lab	LA 6071L Grad Design V Lab	LA 6081L Grad Design VI Lab
LANDSCAPE HISTORY & THEORY 6		LA 5261 Grad Landscape Architecture History	LA 5872 * History of International Landscapes	LA 5772 Landscape Architecture Theory		LA 5772 LA Theory (for Italy Program Students)	
LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT & PRO-PRACTICE 6	LA 5771 Landscape Awareness & Assessment		LA 5873 International LA Professional Practice	LA 4771 Professional Practice			
DESIGN METHODS, TECHNOLOGY, & APPLICATION 12	LA 5581 Visual Communication for Design	LA 5582 Geodesign for Enviro. Designers	LA 4782 * Evolving Issues in Environmental Design			LA 6773 Advanced Design Methods	LA 6773 Advanced Design Methods
PLANTS+ ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS 6	LA 6441 Plants and Ecology					LA 6451 Coupled Human and Natural Systems	
CONSTRUCTION + SITE ENGINEERING 6		LA 5611 Site Engineering and Landscape Construction			LA 5621 Methods, Materials, and Measuring		
RESEARCH METHODS & PRACTICE 9					LA 6771 Research Methods for Environmental Design	LA 6941 Thesis / Project Research	LA 6951 Master's Project
DIRECTED ELECTIVES * <small>9 units of Directed Electives required. See MLA Handbook for full list of approved courses.</small> 9			LA 5990 Special Topics * in Italy	MLA Elective 1 *	MLA Elective 2 *		MLA Elective 3 *
Total Units 72	12 units	12 units	15 units	12 units	12 units	12 units	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 or in option.

MLA CURRICULUM NOTES

All LA courses are 3 units.
Courses with an '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.

Students participating in the Italy (fall) Study Abroad Program will need to take 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 Curriculum for latest update.

* MLA Directed Electives (9-units required)

LA 4251, LA 5782, and LA 5872	LA History courses
LA 5782 Teaching Practicum	Requires invitation by instructor
LA 6772 Finding Problems	Not currently being offered
LA 4781 Urban Green Infrastructure	Offered fall and spring
LA 6910 Directed Research or LA 6920 Independent Research	Require permission of the instructor
LA 4782, LA 4990/L, and LA 5990	Seminar topics to be announced every term.

** Course Waivers

Students with prior learning credit in landscape architecture related coursework may receive course waivers to replace specific required courses in their first year and graduate with less than 72 unit. Please contact the MLA Graduate Coordinator for additional advice.