

Master of Landscape Architecture: MLA

Landscape architecture is a diverse and rewarding design profession. Landscape architects play an important role in shaping our environment, working collaboratively with other designers, scientists and the public. As a landscape architect you will be involved in analyzing, designing, constructing, conserving, and managing landscapes from small-scale sites to entire communities.

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PROGRAM

The fully accredited professional degree program is a six-semester program, delivered over 32 months (with fall and winter term registration and scheduled academic breaks in the summer term). It attracts students from a variety of academic disciplines. The MLA course-based master's degree provides students the option of pursuing a final design or thesis project. The MLA degree meets the educational requirements for entry into professional associations of Landscape Architects across Canada and internationally.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Acceptance to the MLA program is based on previous academic performance, references, evidence of creativity (portfolio), and on background information that you provide through the Statement of Interest, Resumé, and the Supplemental Document – MLA Background Questionnaire.
- Applicants holding a minimum "B-" standing in the last four semesters of full-time study of an undergraduate four-year (honours) university degree in any degree program will be considered for admission.

FACULTY

U of G has a leading reputation for high-quality professional programs in landscape architecture. Our programs boast internationally-recognized faculty complemented by practicing professionals and critics who are known for their expertise in teaching, practice, and research.



MLA graduate students exploring the Yorkville Park site with collaborating design architect, David Oleson.

CAREER AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Landscape architects are in demand across Canada and internationally, with opportunities in urban, rural, and regional settings.
- Graduates of our MLA program pursue diverse careers in private practice, public service, non-profit organizations, and academia.
- The MLA is recognized as the academic credential required to begin the path toward professional registration with the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) or equivalent international associations. Graduates are qualified to seek employment and begin the process of completing the Landscape Architectural Registration Exams (LARE).
- Some alumni have continued on to doctoral studies and/or academic appointments in institutions both nationally and internationally.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Shaping vibrant, inclusive, and equitable public spaces
- Designing with nature to restore ecosystems and address climate change
- Reimagining urban and rural landscapes for healthier, more resilient communities
- Engaging with cultural landscapes, heritage, and place-based storytelling
- Contributing to climate adaptation, food systems, and environmental justice through design
- Leading interdisciplinary approaches to sustainable development and land use planning

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