Landscape Architecture

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Academic Program

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The profession of landscape architecture is primarily involved with the design, planning, and protection of the natural and developed environments. The five-year program in landscape architecture is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board and recognized by the Landscape Architects Technical Committee of the California Board of Architectural Examiners.

An emphasis is placed on a process oriented approach to design and planning while developing an awareness and sensitivity to community and human values as they relate to environmental conditions. Students majoring in landscape architecture acquire technical competencies and creative design skills through a range of projects which represent the breadth of the profession.

Graduates of the program are prepared for positions in private practice, consulting, governmental agencies at the national, state or local levels, industry and construction firms. Graduate study is encouraged for those students interested in pursuing advanced studies or academic positions.

Majors who are in their last two years of study and have at least a 3.2 grade point average may have the opportunity to join Theta Chapter of Sigma Lambda Alpha, the national scholastic honor society for landscape architecture.

Laptop Requirement

The department has a requirement that all freshmen or transfer students have a notebook computer when they enter the program. In the profession of landscape architecture, computing is an integral component, and developing the ability to critically integrate hand and digital tools is a fundamental aspect of landscape architecture education. A notebook computer is the key to having computing capabilities available at all times and all locations. Financial aid may be available to cover the cost of the notebook computer (contact the Financial Aid Office (http://financialaid.calpoly.edu) for more information).

Undergraduate Program

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

The five-year program in landscape architecture is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board and recognized by the Landscape Architects Technical Committee of the California Board of Architectural Examiners. The program offers transfer students an accelerated curriculum to speed their time to graduation while fulfilling degree requirements. Contact the department for more information.

Graduate Programs

MBA – Landscape Architecture Management Track

This program is available only to those students who are currently enrolled in Cal Poly’s Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) program. During the fifth/final year of the landscape architecture program, students may request permission to enroll in MBA courses. The request, along with all supporting documents, must be submitted to the Orfalea College of Business (http://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/orfaleacollegeofbusiness) – Graduate Programs Office. Permission to participate in the courses is competitive and based upon the student’s previous academic performance and GMAT/ GRE results.

Upon completion of the BLA degree, students are eligible to formally apply to the University for admission to the MBA program. Students who fulfill all the requirements first receive the BLA and then the MBA.

Blended Program-Bachelor of Landscape Architecture/Master of City and Regional Planning (BLA/MCRP)

The blended BLA/MCRP Program is an accelerated route to the graduate professional degree in City and Regional Planning. Under this program a student can simultaneously graduate with a BLA and MCRP. Students shall meet the minimum eligibility requirements for a blended degree set down in the university catalog, complete a planning internship and the required MCRP classes. An updated list pertaining to which courses can be counted in the program is available from the City and Regional Planning Department. Students choosing this program shall make a request for admission to the CRP department head or graduate coordinator, who determines eligibility.

MCRP courses for the blended program include:

CRP 420 Land Use Law 4
CRP 510 Planning Theory 4
CRP 516 Demographic and Analytic Tools 4
CRP 518 Policy Development or CRP 513 Planning Research and Analysis
CRP 520 Feasibility Studies 4
CRP 525 Plan Implementation 4
CRP 530 Planning Agency Management 4
CRP 552 Community and Regional Planning Studio I 4
CRP 554 Community and Regional Planning Studio II 4

See the City and Regional Planning (http://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/collegeofarchitectureandenvironmentaldesign/cityregionalplanning/#text) section for further information.

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