

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, MS

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum
Credit
Requirement

36 credits

Minimum
Residence
Credit
Requirement

16 credits

Minimum
Graduate
Coursework
Requirement

18 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>).

Overall

3.00 GPA required.

Graduate
GPA
Requirement

Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/>).

Other Grade
Requirements

No other grade requirements.

Assessments
and
Examinations

Students must demonstrate their competency in the theories, methods, applications, and ethics of their chosen specialty within the multidisciplinary field of landscape architecture through the writing and defense of a thesis.

Language
Requirements

None.

REQUIRED COURSES

Students pursue either a focus area in community-focused design or restoration ecology and ecological design. All students in the MS in Landscape Architecture program complete a common core, while additional courses within their focus area are chosen in consultation with their advisor and advisory committee.

Code	Title	Credits
Common Core		
All students complete the following:		
LAND ARC 710	Theories of Landscape Change	2
LAND ARC 720	Critical Inquiry into Landscape Design Expression	2
LAND ARC 740	Research in Landscape Architecture ¹	3
LAND ARC 940	Graduate Seminar ²	3
LAND ARC 990	Research	6
Focus Area		
Complete an additional two courses within a focus area that are selected by the student and their advisory committee.		6
Supporting Courses		
Complete supporting courses numbered 300 and above, including independent studies, to satisfy minimum credit requirement.		14
Total Credits		36

¹ May substitute a different course in Research Methods if approved by the student's advisor.

² Taken over three semesters for 1 credit each time.