Contact Information and Important Links

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www.ced.uga.edu
www.asla.org
landscapearchitecturemagazine.org
www.ahlp.org
tclf.org
www.facebook.com/georgiastudentsoflandscapearchitecture

Important Links:
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For more information Contact:
Graduate Office: Donna Gabriel
at 706-542-4720; donnag@uga.edu.

Please visit the CED website at www.ced.uga.edu
Thank you for your interest in The University of Georgia’s graduate programs in Landscape Architecture. This brochure contains general information regarding our programs, including objectives, requirements, and financial assistance. Application forms along with the Graduate School Bulletin can be found on the UGA Graduate School web site: www.uga.edu/gradschool

Please feel free to contact us if you have additional questions or to arrange an admissions interview.

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The online graduate school application, instructions and fee payment are found at the Graduate School admissions website below. As part of the application, you will need to furnish complete address information for individuals for three letters of recommendation. The reference forms are available online at the time you apply. The link for the form can be electronically sent to your recommenders while completing the online application. In addition to the online application, send transcripts and test scores to:

Graduate School Admissions Office
The University of Georgia
279 Williams Street
Athens, GA 30602
Domestic: www.grad.uga.edu/admissions/requirements
International: www.grad.uga.edu/admissions/int_supplements

The letter of intent should be sent directly to the College of Environment & Design at the following address:

Donna Gabriel
MEPD Program
College of Environment & Design
The University of Georgia
285 South Jackson Street
Athens, GA 30602

Acceptance letter response required: a letter of acceptance from the graduate school does not guarantee your place in the MLA program. The applicant must indicate acceptance of the admission offer in writing.
Master of Landscape Architecture Admissions Requirements

- Graduate school application and fee payment of approximately $75.00 for domestic applicants and $100.00 for international applicants.
- Academic transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Three reference letters (two from academic sources).
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores of 150+ preferred on verbal.
- International students are required to submit TOEFL scores.
- Letter of intent that outlines the reasons for the student's interest in the program, the relevance of previous degrees and experience, and the applicant's goals and ambitions.
- Applicants with prior education or experience in landscape architecture or another design field must submit a design portfolio.
- To arrange an interview contact Donna Gabriel by calling 706-542-4720, or e-mailing donnag@uga.edu.

University of Georgia

Chartered in 1785, the University of Georgia is the first state-chartered University in the United States. Beginning with just a handful of students, the University now enrolls over 31,000 students from across the nation as well as international students. The University is full of rich resources including the first permanent building (Old College, completed 1806), National Register districts world class libraries, museums, concert halls, and the State Botanical Garden. The University of Georgia’s programs in Historic Preservation, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning and Design are offered by the College of Environment and Design, founded in 1969.

An hour’s drive from Atlanta today Athens is a vibrant city proud of the symbols of its past within a region that is currently one of the fastest developing in the nation. The town is a center of contemporary popular music, culture, and education; thus, the landscape program is located in a living laboratory where the challenge of accommodating growth and development consistent with the highest standards of land use, resource protection, and quality-of-life occur on a daily basis.
The city of Athens provides a doorstep laboratory for landscape architecture majors at the University of Georgia along with numerous sites, districts, and entire communities across the state. These areas provide professional training and practical experiences to the students in both rural and urban environments.

In 2009, Athens was selected as one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Dozen Distinctive Destinations for its dynamic downtown, attractive architecture, landscapeing, and strong commitment to preservation, and revitalization.

Topics such as downtown revitalization and landscape conservation have been a part of the College of Environment and Design's (CED) instructional emphasis since the Landscape Architecture masters program founding in 1954.

Several public service organizations based in Athens and at the CED offer students practical experiences in landscape architecture:

- Design Charettes organized by The Center for Community Design & Preservation are rapid, intensive, and creative work sessions, in which a design team focuses on a particular design problem and arrives at a collaborative solution. The public charrette is fast becoming a preferred way to face the planning challenges confronting communities, cities, and regions.
- Hands-On Athens is a repair and rehabilitation program that provides volunteer assistance to low income homeowners in Athens. CED students and faculty gain valuable experience while serving the Athens community.
- Athens Land Trust is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1994 with the goals of land preservation, affordable, energy efficient housing, and neighborhood revitalization. ALT believes in a holistic approach to sustainable development that addresses environmental, economic and community needs.

Alumni Comments

“UGA's MLA program is host to a community of extraordinary people. Faculty, staff, and students bring incredible talent, knowledge, and skills from diverse backgrounds: from theory to environmental systems to graphic representation and more. This community breeds a dynamic exchange of skills and knowledge that challenges each person to grow. I now work with Sylvatica Studio in Atlanta, GA, where we design landscapes that elevate the essential character of a place and support natural and social systems. UGA's MLA program gave me the capability to obtain this position where I am able to make a truly positive contribution to my community.”

“The MLA program gave me the skills and experience I needed to become a well rounded designer. Even after four years of study in ornamental horticulture and nearly ten years' experience owning my own landscape construction business, I had so much to learn from the diverse skill set of the CED faculty and staff. Landscape Architecture is an art of balance and often compromise. I feel like I am now prepared to approach the design process in a way that takes into account not only the physical, but also the social and cultural layers of the built environment. Going to school in Athens has been an unforgettable experience.”

“The MLA program at UGA gave me a strong base on which to build a career in landscape design. I was drawn to the program as a way to combine my interests in organic farming, community development, and aesthetics—to learn the design skills necessary to design landscapes that build healthy communities. By taking advantage of all the opportunities in the College of Environment & Design, I am prepared for work in a variety of sectors - cultural landscape management, therapeutic garden design, playscape design, urban design, and residential landscape design.”
Cultural Landscape Lab
www.ced.uga.edu/cll

The UGA-CED Cultural Landscape Laboratory is structured around long term partnerships with organizations and people who steward nationally-significant cultural landscapes. With a research focus on heritage conservation and sustainability, the lab is exploring how our society may best sustain the ecological, social, and cultural systems that constitute America’s most treasured landscapes.

Center for Community Design & Preservation
www.ced.uga.edu/pso

The Center for Community Design & Preservation (CCDP) serves as the Public Service and Outreach office for the College of Environment & Design. We provide opportunities for our faculty and students to engage in real-world projects and put their academic pursuits into practice.

- CCDP delivers conceptual community design services by utilizing a mix of faculty, professional staff and students.
- CCDP houses, FindIT, in conjunction with the Georgia Transmission Corporation, and the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). FindIT’s mission is to pro-actively survey historic resources in every county within Georgia complying with state survey standards.

Study Abroad
www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/student_resources/list/cat/study_abroad

Students from the College of Environment & Design have traditionally studied in:

- Cortona, Italy - Students study urban design with understanding of low-rise, high-density urban areas, multi-use open space, mixed-use developments, and the coexistence of people and transportation which have been maintained and unchanged over many centuries in Italy.
- Costa Rica - This service-learning program combines travel, design exploration and community development and in Costa Rica through the eyes of a multi-disciplinary student body.
- Croatia - Students examine how Croatia conserves, interprets, and manages its historic towns and monuments, cultural landscapes, and other aspects of its tangible and intangible heritage using them for economic and social development.

Landscape Architecture

Initiated in 1954, Georgia’s MLA program is one of the oldest and most prestigious graduate landscape architectural programs in the country, with the largest and most complete landscape architectural faculty anywhere. Among Georgia’s MLA alumni are winners of national design competitions, Presidents and Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects, heads of prestigious university departments, senior editors of national journals, leaders of the National Park Service and other public institutions, designers of Olympic venues, and leading practitioners all over the world. Each year about 16 new students are selectively admitted to the program.

Georgia provides landscape architecture education that is broad and adaptable to the interests of individual students. The MLA program employs student-defined research to develop the unique professional roles of its students, producing graduates who can use the powers of scholarship, design, and communication to discover, advocate, and implement superior landscape solutions.

Georgia employs the largest full-time landscape architecture faculty in the country, ensuring that all specializations within the field are represented. Small graduate classes within the large, diverse school are supportive of intellectual and social debates. The Master’s Degree in Landscape Architecture (MLA) at the University of Georgia provides the foundational knowledge, practical skills and design expertise needed to engage in the practice of landscape architecture. In addition, it provides students the opportunity to focus and define their unique position within the profession through scholarly discovery in an interdisciplinary environment. Georgia MLA students are prepared to lead the profession as outstanding practitioners, educators, and scholars in the design, management, and environmental stewardship of the natural and built environment.

Job demand and average salaries for landscape architectural graduates have been steadily increasing and are at all time high. In addition to competitive salaries and plentiful job opportunities, the profession offers the satisfaction of designing and shaping the built environment alongside architects, planners, and urban designers. Many of the country’s leading private and public sector landscape architects and essentially all of the country’s landscape architectural educators hold MLA degrees.
The MLA curriculum consists of design studios, support courses, core landscape architecture classes and student-selected electives. Students are admitted into one- to three-year programs of study, depending on their educational and professional backgrounds. Students with a non-design undergraduate degree enter a three-year curriculum track, with possible course exemptions based on their previous studies. Applicants with professional applied design degrees usually enter directly into the second year of study. Each student is evaluated individually, and will complete a curriculum built for their needs with the assistance of the graduate adviser and the MLA coordinator.

### Master of Landscape Architecture Curriculum

### Also available:
- Certificate in Historic Preservation
- Certificate in Historic Landscape Studies
- Certificate in Environmental Ethics
- Certificate in Conservation Ecology & Sustainable Development
- Certificate in Geographic Information Systems

Please see our website for more information on these programs:
[www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/degree/detail/mla_curriculum](http://www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/degree/detail/mla_curriculum)