Program Description

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

The Bachelor of Landscape Architecture at UGA is a professional degree and one of the top ranked LA programs in the country. The program of study prepares students for licensure and professional practice in the field of Landscape Architecture. In addition to core requirements, students take Landscape Architecture courses in various content areas as well as complete a required internship to gain professional experience before graduation. The curriculum is centered on a series of core studio classes with graduated content and partner classes that offer the chance to combine theory and practice. The undergraduate program at CED offers guest lecturers, service learning opportunities, charrette experiences, and study abroad trips as enrichment opportunities.

To better meet the challenges and needs of an ever-changing society, the undergraduate program focuses on sustainable design in an effort to produce graduates with the most current knowledge, skills and abilities. The program has a diverse faculty that represents a full and balanced spectrum of landscape architecture specializations and viewpoints. The wide range of classes offered at the College reflects the considerable resources of the department and provides opportunities for personalized instruction and individual guidance.

Undergraduate Core Curriculum Requirements

HISTORY: U.S. and Georgia History (HIST 2111 or HIST 2112 or testing procedure)

CONSTITUTION: U.S. and Georgia required (POLS 1101 or testing procedure)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: One hour in the basic Physical Education program is required

RESIDENCE: 45 of the last 60 hours (12 hours required in the major) must be taken in residence.

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY: All students must satisfy the Environmental Literacy requirement. LAND 1500 satisfies this requirement. See other courses on the Bulletin.

UGA CORE: Completion of General Education areas I - VI

CULTURAL DIVERSITY: All students are required to complete a three credit hour course that satisfies the University of Georgia’s multicultural literacy requirement.

TRANSFER CREDITS: If you choose to take classes at a different university, make sure that the credits will properly transfer. If you are unsure, check with the Undergraduate Admissions Office. CED’s cannot evaluate courses for transfer. See the Transfer Equivalency Search: https://www.admissions.uga.edu/transferequiv.html#

INTERNSHIP: LAND 4700 for three credit hours is required prior to graduation.
Advising

Appointments and Notification

You will be advised through appointments made at the following web address http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ss/advising.php?refer=la. Advisors will provide suggestions about class schedules, career and internship opportunities, study abroad, or other opportunities. It is very important to carefully watch and read your emails for announcements about when advising begins and ends each semester.

It is also required that you make and keep an advising appointment each semester. You will not be cleared for registration unless you have been advised. If you cannot attend your scheduled appointment, please cancel and reschedule using the system.

Withdrawal Policy

Appointments and Notification

Effective Fall 2008, you are limited to a total of four course withdrawals while pursuing your undergraduate degree. If you withdraw before the withdrawal deadline, your professor has the option to assign a WP or WF based on your current standing in the class. A WF counts against your grade point average and continues to count in your GPA even if you retake the course. Withdrawals after the withdrawal deadline are not permitted. More information can be found at the following website http://www.uga.edu/studentaffairs/students/withdrawals.htm.

Please don’t register for non-LAND courses you don’t intend to complete. You only have the first few days of the semester to drop and add courses. Never withdraw from a LAND course without seeing the Program Director FIRST. Withdrawal from a LAND class means that you may end up being, at a minimum, one year behind schedule.

Academic Standards

*Except when otherwise stated, all rules and regulations for the University of Georgia as listed in the current edition of the online bulletin (http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/) are enforced. In addition:

- Grades of F, W, WF and I are reported to the Program Director at the time the grades are posted each semester. If you earn a F, W, or WF in a prerequisite LAND course, you will not be permitted to take the subsequent course without first seeing the Director.

- If you are on probation, you will be advised by the Program Director concerning LAND courses. In matters regarding withdrawal or dismissal from the University, you will not be readmitted to the College of Environment + Design without contacting the Program Director and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
Challenging Courses

No design, engineering, or construction course can be challenged once you have enrolled (*after initial evaluation) in the College. Any other course may be challenged using procedures outlined in the university’s policy on challenging courses in the online bulletin.

*In the evaluation of courses relating to design, engineering and construction, the Dean will appoint three (3) faculty members to a committee to evaluate the student’s knowledge, work and experience on specific courses. This committee will make recommendations to the Program Director as to allowable credit.

Grade Appeals

All grade appeals will be handled by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Incompletes

An incomplete (I) grade will only be given by an instructor under unusual circumstances of hardship and then only when you have maintained, up to the time of the difficulty, a passing grade. Hardship may include medically proven illness, external problems beyond your control that cause delays, and the scope of the work becoming more complex than could be reasonably expected. The instructor’s decision on whether or not to give an incomplete may also be determined by an assessment of your ability to finish the work independently. If you have missed an unusual number of class lectures and discussions, or individual critiques, etc., it is unlikely that an incomplete grade can be given. When an incomplete grade is given, you will be obligated to make a contractual agreement with the instructor regarding the date of completion and the scope of the work to be completed. It is the usual practice of the College to require incompletes in undergraduate courses to be removed by the third week of the following semester.

Late Work Policy

Please refer to current course syllabus regarding specific issues regarding projects, deadlines, and late work. The current course syllabus supersedes any other written policy. For questions, please see Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.
Internship Requirement

You are required to have a professional internship in the summer of the fourth year of study. The internship provides credit for professional office experience under the supervision of registered landscape architects or related practitioners (architects, engineers, planners).

Requirements: A minimum of twelve weeks full-time employment for three credit hours is required.

Approval: In order to register for an internship, you must complete an Internship Registration Form when asked. Approval will be given based upon the type of work you will be involved in, an estimate of duties, and the duration of the internship.

Registration: You must register for the course during the summer semester you are doing the internship. Credit hours may not be added after internship is completed.

Who May Receive Credit: All third year students and above in the BLA program may receive credit for an internship.

When to Take an Internship: You will be required to take the internship during the summer semester of your fourth year. We encourage internships for experience before the third year of study, but course credit will not be granted in those cases unless special permission has been granted.

Supervisor: During the internship, a person in the office of employment must act as your official supervisor and will submit an evaluation of your performance to the Intern Coordinator as requested.

Report and Evaluation: A report and Internship Employee/Employer evaluations are the basis for assigning a grade. Credit for the courses will be given after you have presented your report on work activities through an online form. A Grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory) will be given for three hours credit.

Placement: The Internship Coordinator will assist you if you ask in placement for internship experience. Watch the intern bulletin board (main hallway of JSB) for postings and check e-mail often. Please be aware that offices cooperating in the internship program may not be in a position to pay a salary since you will be working as an apprentice. If you arrange your own placement, you may negotiate a salary if you wish, but be advised that satisfactory credit (S) will only be given when evidence is submitted that you received a broad range of experience during the internship. The approval form must be submitted to the Intern Coordinator for approval before employment begins. Failure to do so will invalidate the internship and no credit will be given.

The Experience: While it is not practical to list the precise range of experiences that you might gain through an internship, approval for a prospective internship program will only be given if it appears from discussion with the intern and employer that a wide range of activities will be observed and participated in by you. The Internship Final Report will be supportive of this experience. Ideally, you will be involved in some if not all of the following experiences in an office: client conference, briefing, programming, project research, site visits for analysis, evaluation and field work, preparation of sketch plans, presentation of projects to clients, preparation of working drawings and specifications, letting of bids, contract negotiation, contract supervision, site visits for supervision, preparation of reports, conferences with consultants, public authorities and contractors.
Other Policy Statements

Email Policy

You must have and use your University issued e-mail account (myid@uga.edu) to receive official communication from the College of Environment + Design and the University. You can forward your University issued e-mail to another account if you use the other account more often. You will also be added to the cedundergrads list-serv, where announcements will be sent about academic and student services. Participation is mandatory and you may not opt out of this email listserv at any time while you are a BLA student.

Academic Honesty

The professors and graduate assistants in CED take academic honesty very seriously. You should too! The University seeks to promote and ensure academic honesty and personal integrity among students and other members of the University community.

Academic honesty means performing academic work without cheating, lying, tampering, stealing, receiving assistance from any other person, or using any other source of information that is not common knowledge (unless that assistance or use is authorized by the person responsible for supervising that academic work or fairly attributed to the source of assistance or information). See http://www.uga.edu/honesty/.

Graduation


Plus/Minus Grading System

The University of Georgia and College of Environment and Design use a Plus/Minus grading system. While individual faculty set numerical values to achieve each grade level, your GPA is calculated on a fixed numerical system as follows: A (4.0), A- (3.7), B+ (3.3), B (3.0), B- (2.7), C+ (2.3), C (2.0), C- (1.7), D (1.0) and F (0.0).

The plus/minus will be listed on the student’s transcript. No grades previously issued will be converted or changed to plus/minus. For purposes of University policies or regulations which state that "a grade of C or better is required," a grade of C will be considered a 2.0. This means that for these policies and regulations, a grade of C- will not satisfy the standard.

Disability Resources

The University provides opportunities for persons with disabilities to actively participate in campus life. The Disability Resource Center offers assistance with housing, scheduling, and transportation, and provides in-class assistance. Information is available on scholarships, parking, technology, and accessibility. Please refer to http://www.dissvcs.uga.edu/ for more information.
Additional Information

In addition to the CED Undergraduate Handbook, you should always consult the Undergraduate bulletin for more information regarding University, College, and Department curriculum requirements. [http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/index.aspx](http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/index.aspx).

Technology Requirements

Beginning Fall semester of the first year, all students at the College of Environment & Design must have a laptop computer that meets the following minimum specifications:

- Intel i5 CPU
- 4GB RAM
- 300GB Hard Drive
- DVD rewritable drive
- 256MB 3D accelerated graphics card
- 802.11g wireless card
- 15” display (Please note: Larger screens are useful when working on large scale design and graphics projects. However the larger screen adds to the weight and expense of the laptop computer. You can determine what works best for your needs and budget.
- Windows 7
- Optional recommended equipment: 16GB USB Flash drive and/or external hard drive and 12 megapixel digital camera

Differential Tuition

Students at the College of Environment & Design pay a differential tuition fee in addition to the standard tuition, which assists the College in three ways:

- The fee keeps studio classes within the size designated by the LAAB — the group responsible for CED’s accreditation.
- The fee pays to keep hardware and software up to date, so that students will be familiar with the latest technologies when they graduate.
- The fee provides of spaces, desks, and other equipment up to professional standards.

The benefits from differential tuition have helped keep the College high in national rankings and prestige. [Full tuition schedules](http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/index.aspx) are available online from the bursar’s office.
Scholarships

The College of Environment and Design offers generous scholarships to CED students only every year! To read more about the requirements for each scholarship, please visit: http://www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/student_resources/detail/blal scholarships/. Scholarships open in the fall and are awarded for the following academic year. Please pay close attention to email, information and directions to have the best chance of being awarded a scholarship.

Student Organizations at CED

CED Student Ambassadors
Director: Rose Tahash
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Emerging Green Professionals (EGP)
(Committee of the Athens Branch of the US Green Building Council)
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Georgia Students in Landscape Architecture (GSLA)
Advisor: Donnie Longenecker, Instructor
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Multi-Cultural Students in Landscape Architecture (MSLA)
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Student Environmental Planning Association (SEPA)
Advisor: Stephen Ramos, Assistant Professor
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Student Historic Preservation Organization (SHPO)
Advisor: Mark Reinberger, Professor
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Sigma Lambda Alpha
(Landscape Architecture Honor Society)
Advisor: Brad Davis

Sigma Pi Kappa
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