

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY

***Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) accredited programs are required to provide reliable information to the public. Programs must report on accreditation status and its performance. This information is to help potential students make informed application decisions.***

### ACCREDITATION

The three-year program in landscape architecture is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board. For more information on LAAB, see:

<https://www.asla.org/AccreditationLAAB.aspx>

### COST OF ATTENDANCE: 2020/21 University of Michigan Student Costs

The following information is summarized and provided for reference from the Office of Financial Aid, Cost of Attendance website:

<Http://www.finaid.umich.edu/TopNav/AboutUMFinancialAid/CostofAttendance.aspx>

For up-to-date information, please refer to this website.

The University of Michigan makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, the UM must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All UM listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by The Board of Regents. Budgets are estimated and subject to change.

#### *2020/21 Costs, In-State Graduate Students (Average)*

<i>Tuition/Fees</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Books/ Supplies</i>	<i>Personal/Misc.</i>	<i>Total</i>
\$24,772.38	\$16,502	\$1,192	\$6,574	\$49,040.38

#### *2020/21 Costs, Out-of-State Graduate Students (Average)*

<i>Tuition/Fees</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Books/ Supplies</i>	<i>Personal/Misc.</i>	<i>Total</i>
\$49,548.38	\$16,502	\$1,192	\$6,574	\$73,816.38

### **NOTES ON TUITION & FEES**

Tuition and fees are based on a full-time credit hour load, defined by the University as a minimum of 8 credit hours per term for graduate students. Students who elect fewer than 8 credit hours are charged on a per credit hour basis. For financial aid eligibility purposes, full-time for graduate students are defined as enrolling for 8 credit hours per term. Please note, however, that for tuition rate purposes, full-time for graduate students is defined as 9 credit hours per term. For residency questions, contact the [Office of the Registrar](#).

See [Student Financial Services](#) for information about your U-M account, eBill, installment payment plans, and payment dates. Students with chronic health issues that require hospitalization may be interested in the university's tuition insurance plan. For information, see the [Tuition Refund Plan](#) page of the University Health Service website.

### **NOTES ON ROOM & BOARD**

The University of Michigan [Housing Office](#) website provides detailed schedules of room and board options and rates. All residence hall room contracts require a meal plan for both fall and winter semesters. The university residence halls offer a variety of room types and meal plans. The Office of Financial Aid uses the standard double-occupancy rate and the Standard Meal Plan rate in the budget to determine aid eligibility. However, you would pay more for a single room and less for an economy triple room and board, and your board rate will vary based on the meal plan you select.

**Off-Campus Housing:** The Ann Arbor community offers many options for living arrangements. The financial aid budget allows for off-campus rent, utility, and food costs up to the estimated cost for a standard double-occupancy room in a campus residence hall. However, your costs will depend on your housing arrangements and lifestyle. We suggest you evaluate carefully the costs you might incur by living off-campus.

**Commuting:** Students who live at home and commute to campus will reduce room and board costs significantly. The allowance for room and board in the financial aid budget for commuting students is **\$4,406** for the academic year to acknowledge ongoing family household expenses (food, utilities, etc.) and transportation costs.

### **NOTES ON BOOKS & SUPPLIES**

Costs vary by program, course load, and classes selected. Book and supply costs for students in the School of Art and Design, Architecture and Urban Planning, Dental Hygiene, and Business Administration are typically higher than the estimates listed here. Contact the [Office of Financial Aid](#) for exact figures. You may be able to reduce your costs significantly by buying used books and by using the university's extensive library and reserve book system.

### **NOTES ON PERSONAL & MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES**

This category represents every other student expense--transportation, meals not covered under the standard meal contract, long distance phone calls, clothes, personal hygiene, **student insurance**, entertainment, etc. It is the most variable and personal component of anyone's budget. The financial aid budget allows about **\$67 per week**. Personal spending can make or break a college budget. The most important thing is to set yourself an allowance, keep track of your expenses, and stick to your budget. Keep in mind:

- If you live off-campus, you may save money by having roommates.
- The four Cs -- cars, clothes, credit cards, and cell phones -- can bust your budget!

For information on making decisions that will help you stick to your budget, visit the **College Life** section of CashCourse, the U-M Office of Financial Aid's personal finance portal or view the video below. Visit here for more information about the CashCourse website: [www.finaid.umich.edu/Planning#cashcourse](http://www.finaid.umich.edu/Planning#cashcourse)

## RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

The following table shows the percentage of students by graduation-year cohort that completed the three-year accredited MLA degree within four (4) years\*:

Year of completion	2015-2017	2018-2019
% age of entering cohort	87%	83%

- Because a number of our students choose to pursue a dual Master's degree or Graduate Certificate Program in addition to the MLA program, a fourth year is typically required for these students to complete all of the requirements for both degrees.
- Note: All data in this and subsequent categories reflects only those students enrolled in the accredited three-year program in Landscape Architecture; students enrolled in the two-year MLA and Ph. D programs are not included.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

The following tables show demographic data for enrolled students in the program over the past four years, as provided by the university's Institutional Research office:

### *Gender*

<i>Year</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2018-19</i>	<i>2019-20</i>
Total #	44	44	43	47
Female	35	35	33	38
Male	9	9	10	9

### *Ethnicity*

Asian American	0	0	1	2
White/Caucasian	14	14	12	17
Black	1	1	1	0
Hispanic/Latino	2	2	1	1
Multiracial	2	2	0	0
Other/Unknown	5	5	28	27

*\*Students are not required to report their ethnicity*

### ***Residency Status for Incoming Students***

<i>Year</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2018-19</i>	<i>2019-20</i>
Domestic	13	17	17	26
International	27	24	26	23

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

#### *Degrees Awarded:*

The program has awarded the following number of degrees over the past four years:

<i>Year</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2018-19</i>	<i>2019-20</i>
Total #	15	10	15	16
Median Time To Degree <i>*5 year average, in years</i>	2.65	2.63	2.65	2.65

#### *Academic Performance:*

The program's graduate students have an average UM GPA (all courses) of 3.674.

#### *Students Receiving University Financial Support*

Percentage of LA students receiving university support over the past four years:

2016-17	78%
2017-18	83%
2018-19	68%
2019-20	70%

*\* This does not include support in the form of Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) or Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) funding, which typically cover tuition for one semester along with a stipend.*

*Employment Percentages of recent graduates:*

Present employment of those receiving the MLA degree during the past four years, 2016-20:

***Present Occupation Percentage (no.) \****

Teaching	1.4% (1)
Private Practice	22% (15)
Public Practice	3% (4)
Landscape Hort/Design Build	3% (4)
Other	3% (4)
Unknown	63% (42)

**Total** **100% (67)**

- *Data collected from Survey of recent graduates, administered in the Fall following the student's graduation. Unknown category represents non-respondents to the survey.*

## **PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION**

Information for prospective students can be found on the following websites:

*Prospective Landscape Architecture Student information*

<https://seas.umich.edu/academics/master-landscape-architecture>

*Admissions Information*

<https://seas.umich.edu/admissions>

*Program Data/Information*

<https://seas.umich.edu/prospective-students>

*Student Life in SEAS*

<https://seas.umich.edu/admissions/why-michigan/our-community>

*Visiting Ann Arbor*

<https://www.annarbor.org/>

<https://www.annarbor.org/events/>

*Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities*

<https://seas.umich.edu/admissions/funding>

<https://seas.umich.edu/student-services/financial-aid>

