



MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

BECAUSE THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES REQUIRE INNOVATION, CREATIVE DESIGN THINKING AND CROSS-DISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION.

The University of Michigan's Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) program was one of the nation's first and is among the very few programs in the world that employ ecological principles authentically in environmentally responsible design. Located within the interdisciplinary School for Environment and Sustainability, the MLA program provides the ideal setting and opportunities for you to become one of the next change-driven leaders in landscape architecture.

Two programs are offered:

- A three-year accredited program for students without prior education in landscape architecture
- A two-year option for those earning a second landscape architecture degree

WHY LA?

- Employ ecological principles authentically in a wide range of environments — from the center of redeveloping cities to changing rural landscapes.
- Synthesize information about ecological processes and systems, human behavior, cultural/political institutions, and urban patterns.
- Create sustainable landscapes that are deep, inspiring, and just, and that work aesthetically, ecologically, socially, technically, and economically.
- The Master of Landscape Architecture degree is STEM-designated, joining the already designated Master of Science degrees. The STEM designation allows international graduates to apply for the Department of Homeland Security's optional practical training (OPT) extension program for F-1 students.

FACULTY

- Lisa DuRussel
- Stan Jones
- Mark Lindquist
- Joan Iverson Nassauer

BOLD LEADERS

PARKER ANDERSON (MS '15) **FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT,** **GREENER GOLF**

"After several years in the professional world, I was hesitant to return to school. That feeling was quickly eliminated once I took advantage of all the school and university communities had to offer. My program not only provided me with a deep understanding of the science behind the issues of my interest, but provided me with actual real-world experience in addressing these issues and developing solutions. I could not have asked for a better graduate school experience. Go Blue!"



SHANNON SYLTE (MS '19) **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT,** **PEA GROUP**

"Through my experience within the school and the extensive alumni network beyond Ann Arbor, I know that my career after graduate school will be immensely fulfilling and impactful."



MASTER'S PROJECTS

Part of the culminating experience of your program is a master's project or master's thesis, where you will work with an external client to solve real-world problems. Recent projects include:

Visioning Cass: A Roadmap for the Future

(Detroit, Michigan)

Client: Cass Community Social Services

Advisor: Lisa DuRussel



Trenton Power Plant Greenway

(Trenton, Michigan)

Client: DTE

Advisor: Joan Iverson Nassauer

Engaging Design & Planning Practitioners in a Video Game Decision Support System

(Detroit, Michigan)

Advisor: Mark Lindquist

COURSE SAMPLING

- Ecological Site Design
- Place and Environment
- Urban Design Studio
- Metro Dynamic Studio

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LA graduates work as:

- Park designers
- Residential designers
- Watershed managers
- Campus planners

Here are just a few of the employers who hire LA graduates:



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