



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.

BOLD LEADERS

AUDELINE KURNIAWAN (MLA/MS '22)

**LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
H. T. HARVEY & ASSOCIATES**

"The MLA program melded all my interests together, including my love for nature, human behavior and psychology, and creativity. SEAS is full of amazing, intelligent and diverse people, and I really enjoyed being surrounded by folks who also care about what I care about."



JUNTAO GAO (MLA/MSI '24)

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
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"I have always believed that landscape architecture and sustainability are inseparable, so SEAS offered a perspective that matched the direction I wanted to grow."



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:

Detroit Regenerative Futures: A Gamification Strategy for Vacant Land Activation in Detroit

Client: City of Detroit Office of Sustainability

Green Campus Plan for The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

Client: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

A Framework for Coastal Resilience: Networks and Strategies in the Envision Resilience Challenge

Client: REMAIN, Envision Resilience Challenge Program



COURSE SAMPLING

- Ecological Site Design
- Place and Environment/Making Space Studios
- Planting Design & Materials and Methods

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BUILD A REWARDING CAREER WITH IMPACT

No matter your path, SEAS Career Services helps prepare you for a purpose-driven career that's right for you. Our career counselors provide guidance on all aspects of career development, from resumes and cover letters to job searches and interview preparation. Plus, we connect you with employers and alumni who can help you imagine the possibilities of where your degree will take you.

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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