HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide provides details about specific course requirements for the MLA curriculum. For each requirement, the following information is provided:

- Type of requirement – required course, required selective, open elective per degree and track (ie, MLA I, MLA II/MUP, MLA II/MArch, etc)
- Course content description and objectives
- Sequencing requirements
- Waiver requirements
- For required selectives the guide also includes Department Recommended courses and a list of Approved Alternative courses.

The MLA Curriculum Summary Chart is a quick reference guide for curriculum requirements per degree and track.

DISCLAIMER:

The department reserves the right to create new or adjust existing procedures and policies based on current conditions.
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IMPORTANT PROGRAM RESOURCES

MLA Program Guidelines: information about policies and requirements, facilities and helpful hints.

MLA Curriculum Description: explains course requirements, sequencing, and waiver requirements.

MLA Capstone Guidelines: explains capstone options and requirements

MLA Curriculum Summary Chart: quick reference chart for curriculum requirements

MLA Degree Checklist: tracks student's progress on fulfilling degree requirements

MLA Typical Sequence Chart: outlines when courses should be taken to complete degree on time

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Department Website: everything you need to know about the MLA program and department
larch.be.uw.edu/

Graduate School Requirements: details all policies, procedures, and requirements for graduate study at UW
grad.uw.edu/for-students-and-post-docs/degree-requirements/

UW Course Catalog: course description and quarter offered for all courses at UW
washington.edu/students/crscat/

UW Time Schedule: listing of all courses offered for a specific quarter (faculty, times, location)
washington.edu/students/timeschd/

UW Academic Calendar: dates for registration, add/drop, instruction, tuition fee deadlines + holidays
washington.edu/students/reg/calendar.html

UW Tuition Rates: current tuition rates and FAQ
washington.edu/opb/ tuition-fees/
MLA CURRICULUM GENERAL GUIDELINES

Curriculum Overview

As the MLA degree is an accredited professional degree overseen by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB), the curriculum is composed mainly of courses that students are required to take. However, we believe that students (and ultimately the profession) benefit most when students tailor their degree to an area of specialization based on their individual academic and professional interests and goals. While meeting LAAB requirements, the curriculum is sufficiently flexible to fit each student’s specific background and interests. Within the MLA Curriculum, students may customize their learning through required selectives, open electives, and the capstone options.

Within the professional MLA curriculum at the University of Washington there are two tracks. The MLA I (3 year) track is a first professional degree and the MLA II (2 year) track is for students with a previous professional degree in either Landscape Architecture or Architecture. Each student is assigned to a track based on their educational and professional experience background. The Department also offers two concurrent degrees MLA/MArch and MLA/MUP. Students in concurrent degree programs are still categorized as MLA I or MLA II and their requirements may differ.

The MLA curriculum is structured into two components – Basic Graduate and Advanced Graduate. MLA I (3 year) track students primarily complete the Basic Graduate curriculum in their first year while typically students in the MLA II (2 year) track begin their coursework with the Advanced Graduate curriculum. See the MLA Program Guidelines for more information.

Curriculum Structure

The Curriculum is composed of 9 topics areas, students take various courses within each topic area.

- Studios
- History + Theory
- Media
- Construction
- Plants
- Professional Practice
- Law, Policy or Finance
- Open Electives
- Capstone

Minimum Credit Requirements

In order to earn a MLA degree, students must successfully complete a minimum number of credit hours of 400-level and above coursework in landscape architecture and related fields. Only 400-level and above courses may be used for credits applied to a graduate degree. The minimum number of credit hours per degree and track are indicated below:

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Additional Course Requirements

MLA II students are required to take the following courses in addition to the minimum credit requirements unless the student has taken equivalent coursework from a previous degree. The GPA will review previous degrees and transcripts to determine which courses are required for each MLA II student:

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CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES

Overview
Curriculum requirements are divided into 3 categories:
- Required courses
- Required selectives
- Open electives

Required Courses
For Required Courses, student must take the specific course listed to fulfill degree requirements. See the MLA Curriculum Guide for a description of the course objectives, sequencing requirements, and waiver requirements. Some Required Courses may not be waived.

Required Selectives
Required Selectives fulfill credit hour requirements in specific topic areas while allowing flexibility for student to tailor courses to their interests. Student may opt to take the Department Recommended course or may select a course from the list of Approved Alternatives. Courses on the list of Approved Alternatives have already been vetted and approved to meet the requirements for the Required Selective; student can register for these courses without getting approval by the Graduate Program Advisor. If a student believes another course they would prefer to take also meets the requirements, the student must first provide the course number, name and syllabus (if possible) to the Graduate Program Advisor for approval. Please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for approval. See the MLA Curriculum Descriptions Guide for a description of the course objectives as well as the Department Recommended course and list of Approved Alternative courses.

Open Electives
Open Elective courses allow the greatest flexibility in customizing the student’s education to meet their interests. Student may take any course offered at the University of Washington provided it is 400-level or above. For Open Electives, student may take any number of courses provided the total credits of all open elective courses meets the minimum number of credits required. Students are encouraged to investigate course offerings of other departments and colleges by reviewing the UW General Catalog and/or by contacting faculty in other departments directly. Classmates and students in the year(s) above are also excellent sources for open electives suggestions.

Course Waivers
Students with previous graduate-level coursework or professional experience may be approved to enroll in more advanced courses to substitute for some of the requirements, or in some cases have the requirement waived. The Graduate Program Advisor (GPA) must approve substitutions and waivers. Students must meet with the GPA during their first quarter of the program to determine which course requirements they must be taken to earn their degree.

No more than 12 credits of Advanced Graduate curriculum may be waived during the program.

Any changes to the typical course requirements after the first quarter must go through the Curriculum Petition Process – see Waiver of Required Courses in the MLA Program Guidelines for details.

Students should refer to the MLA Program Guidelines for additional details about curriculum requirements.
# MLA Curriculum Summary Chart

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## Studio

- **LARCH 401 Design Foundations Studio** - ●
- **LARCH 402 Urban Sites Studio** - ●
- **LARCH 403 Ecological Systems Studio** - ●
- MLA Advanced Studios (indicates qty) - ○ (4)* ○ (4)* ○ (3) ○ (3) ○ (3) ○ (3)

*One Adv. LA studio may be replaced with a Wildcard studio.

## Theory + History

- **LARCH 570 Theory and Scholarship** - ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 571 Intro. to Faculty Research** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **Built Environment History Selective** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **Socio-Pol. Dim. of Design Selective** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 561 Experience of Place** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **Biophysical Ecology Selective** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 563 Ecological Plan. + Design Research Methods Selective** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

## Media

- **LARCH 411 Landscape Representation** - ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 440 Digital Media I** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 441 Digital Media II** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- Media Selective - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

## Construction

- **LARCH 431 Grading and Drainage** - ● A ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 432 Materials, Craft, and Construction** - ● A ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 433 Design Implementation** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **Soils/Hydrology Selective** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 434 Urban Soils + Hydrology** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

## Plants

- Plant Identification Selective - ○ A ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **LARCH 424 Advanced Planting Design** - ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

## Professional Practice

- **LARCH 473 Professional Practice** - ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

## Law | Policy | Finance

- Law | Policy | Finance Selective - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

## Open Electives

- Minimum number of credits - 12 12 9** 9** 12** 12**

## Capstone

- **Thesis, Group Project or Capstone Studio** - ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- **Thesis** - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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UW/MLA Curriculum Course Guidelines updated 8/2020 – p. 5
GPA must approve all course waivers and curriculum modifications.

For Required Selectives, student may select Department Recommended Courses, Approved Alternatives, or may request approval from the GPA for a course not listed.

### BASIC GRADUATE STUDIOS: LARCH 401, 402, + 403

MLA I and MLA I/MUP students are required to take the three Basic Graduate Studios in their first year to fulfill the Basic Core Curriculum.

MLA I + II/MArch students are required to take LARCH 403 Ecological Systems Studio.

The objectives of these courses are to provide an introduction and foundation for the design process and methodologies in landscape architecture.

Sequential Requirements: must be taken in the order they are offered in the first year of the MLA program.

Waiver Requirements: waivers are not allowed for these courses.

### ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDIOS

MLA I and MLA II students are required to take 4 Advanced Studio courses offered by the Department of Landscape Architecture.

All MLA I + II/MArch and MLA I + II/MUP students are required to take 3 Advanced Studio courses offered by the Department of Landscape Architecture.

MLA II and MLA II/MUP students with a BArch, typically take LARCH 403 Ecological Systems Studio IN PLACE OF one Advanced Studio. The GPA will review each student’s previous coursework to determine if they are required to take LARCH 403.

The objectives of these courses are to allow students to continue developing their understanding of the design process and methodologies while adding complexity and allowing students to select studios based on their interests. Advanced Studios are often focused on such topics as Ecological Urbanism, Design Activism, Community Design, Landscape Urbanism, and Landscape + Art.

Generally, 2 or 3 Advanced Studios are offered each quarter by the department. Interdisciplinary BE Studios and study abroad studios in which at least one of the instructors is LA core faculty are considered LA Advanced Studios. Similarly, study abroad studios that are taught by LA core faculty are considered LA Advanced Studios.

Students are assigned to Advanced Studios based on a “Studio Preference Survey” in which students indicate...
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – STUDIO

GPA must approve all course waivers and curriculum modifications.

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their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices from among all advanced studio courses offered. Studio options are typically announced in the preceding quarter in Week 5 with surveys due in Week 7, and rosters released in Week 9. All attempts are made to provide students with their 1st choice. If a student does not receive their 1st choice, they will be given priority in the next quarter.

Sequential Requirements: advanced studios are not sequential and may be taken in any order

Waiver Requirements: waivers are not allowed for these courses with the exception of the Wildcard Studio Option (see below).

WILDCARD STUDIO OPTION | 6 cr

MLA I and MLA II students may substitute one advanced studio with a wildcard studio. The Wildcard Studio Option is not available to MLA/MArch or MLA/MUP students.

The objective of this option is to allow students to explore design studios in other disciplines.

Sequential Requirements: may be substituted for any advanced studio

Waiver Requirements: A Wildcard Studio may be substituted for one Advanced Studio. Wildcard studios are studio courses taught through another department such as Architecture, Urban Design + Planning, or School of Art + Design (400-level +) or a BE Studio that is not taught by LA core faculty. Wildcard studios should include a spatial component and require a commiserate level of work to a LA Advanced Studio. Wildcard studios must be approved by the Graduate Program Advisor PRIOR to enrollment.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – HISTORY + THEORY

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LARCH 570 THEORY AND SCHOLARSHIP | 3 cr

A required course for MLA, MLA/MArch, and MLA/MUP students.

The objectives of this course are to examine the foundations to the leading edge of theory and scholarship within the field and discipline.

Sequence Requirements: should be taken the first quarter of the MLA program.

Waiver Requirements: waivers are not allowed for this course.

LARCH 571 INTRODUCTION TO FACULTY RESEARCH | 1 cr

A required course for all MLA, MLA/MArch, and MLA/MUP students.

The objectives of this course are to introduce the faculty’s areas of interest and the available resources and expertise in the Department available to students in consideration for capstone options and topics.

Sequence Requirements: should be taken in the spring quarter of the first year in the MLA program and PRIOR to beginning the capstone project.

Waiver Requirements: waivers are not allowed for this course.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT HISTORY SELECTIVE | 5 cr

A required selective for MLA, MLA/MArch, and MLA/MUP students. Each student is required to take a minimum of 5 credits in the topic area of built environmental history. Students may take a single course for 5 credits or multiple courses for a minimum of 5 credits combined.

The objectives of this selective are to examine the historical context and precedents of landscape architecture and the built environment.

Sequence Requirements: recommend taking in first year of MLA program.

Waiver Requirements: previous graduate level coursework in built environmental history.
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED COURSES:

- LARCH 552  History of Landscape Architecture (5) credits offered: A
- LARCH 553  History of Modern Landscape Architecture (5) credits offered: W
- LARCH 454  Urban Environmental Histories (5) credits offered bi-annually

APPROVED ALTERNATIVES:

- URBDP 564  Planning History, Theory, & Ethics (3) credits not currently offered
- URBDP 565  American Urban History (3) credits not currently offered
- ARCH 442  Africa and Middle East Seminar (3) credits
- ARCH 445  South Asian Architecture I (3) credits
- ARCH 446  South Asian Architecture II (3) credits
- ARCH 452  History of Architecture in Seattle and Environ (3) credits
- ARCH 453/ART H 419  Japanese Architecture (3) credits
- ARCH 455/ART H 488  American Architecture (3) credits
- ARCH 457/ART H 491  Twentieth-Century Architecture (3) credits
- ARCH 458/ART H 494  Paris: Architecture & Urbanism (3) credits
- ARCH 459/ART H 493  Architecture Since 1945 (3) credits
- ARCH 541/ARCH 441  Visions of the Japanese House (3) credits
- ARCH 556  The Arts & Crafts Movement & It's Legacies (3) credits
- ARCH 558  Seminar in Twentieth-Century Architecture (3/5) credits
- ARCH 559  American Utilitarian Architecture (3) credits
- HSTAA 570  American Environmental History (5) credits not currently offered

SOCIO-POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF DESIGN SELECTIVE | 3 cr

A required course for MLA/MArch students.

A required selective for MLA and MLA/MUP students. Each student is required to take a minimum of 3 credits in the topic area of social design.

The objectives of this selective are to examine human’s (individuals/communities/societies) engagement with place.

Sequence Requirements: recommend taking in first year of MLA program.

Waiver Requirements: previous graduate level coursework focused on social and political aspects of design and built environments.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED COURSE:

- LARCH 561  Human Experience of Place (3) credits offered: W

APPROVED ALTERNATIVES:

- LARCH 598  Politics of Public Space (3) credits SP
- PSYCH 431/ESRM 431  Ecopsychology (5) credits W
- URBDP 538  Public Health and Built Environment (2) credits W
  and (1) credit independent study
BIOPHYSICAL ECOLOGY SELECTIVE | 3 cr
A required course for MLA/MArch students.

A required selective for MLA and MLA/MUP students. Each student is required to take a minimum of 3 credits in the topic area of biophysical ecology.

The objectives of this selective are to examine the operative biological and physical functions and processes that define and sustain environments.

Sequence Requirements: recommend taking in the first year of the MLA program.

Waiver Requirements: previous graduate level coursework focused on ecology and the physical environment.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED COURSE:
LARCH 563 Ecological Design + Planning (3) credits offered annually: SP

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RESEARCH METHODS SELECTIVE | 3 cr
A required selective for MLA and MLA/MArch students. Each student is required to take a minimum of 3 credits in the topic area of research methods.

MLA I/MUP and MLA II/MUP students are required to fulfill a MUP curriculum requirement in place of the MLA Research Methods Selective curriculum requirement. LARCH 571 Landscape Architecture Research Methods can fulfill the MUP curriculum requirement.

The objectives of this course are to introduce quantitative and qualitative research methods that can be used during the student’s capstone project.

Sequence Requirements: should be taken PRIOR to beginning the capstone project.

Waiver Requirements: previous graduate level coursework examining quantitative and/or qualitative research methods.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED COURSE:
LARCH 572 Landscape Architecture Research Methods (3) credits offered annually: SP

APPROVED ALTERNATIVES:
ARCH 567/URBDP 519 Qualitative Research Methods (3) credits
ARCH 588 Research Practice (3) credits
CM 535 Research Methods in Construction (3) credits
CM 590 Research Methods in Construction Engineering (2) credits
URBDP 520 Quantitative Methods in Urban Design and Planning (4) credits
GEOG 425 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Geography (5) credits
GEOG 426 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Geography (5) credits
FISH 560 Applied Multivariate Statistics for Ecologists (4) credits
SEFS 509 Analysis of Research Problems (3) credits
SOC WL 580 Quantitative Research Methods and Design (3) credits
SOC WL 581 Qualitative Research Methods and Design (3) credits
INSC 598 Applied Indigenous Research Methods (3) credits
GPA must approve all course waivers and curriculum modifications.

For Required Selectives, student may select Department Recommended Courses, Approved Alternatives, or may request approval from the GPA for a course not listed.

LARCH 411 LANDSCAPE REPRESENTATION | 3 cr
A required course for MLA I and MLA I/MUP students.

The objectives of this course are to introduce and develop skills in landscape representation including hand graphics, composition and layout, documenting and conveying information about landscapes, introduction to Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign) and Sketchup as design tools, and to learn basic disciplinary representation conventions in landscape architecture.

Sequence Requirements: should be taken in the first quarter of the MLA program.

Waiver Requirement: demonstrated proficiency in hand graphics, measured drawings, communicating information, and basic proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign) and Sketchup.

LARCH 440 DIGITAL MEDIA I | 3 cr
A required course for all MLA I and MLA I/MUP students.

The objectives of this course are to continue developing skills in landscape representation including in the basic disciplinary digital programs for representation and design.

Sequence Requirements: should be taken after LARCH 411 and required prior to LARCH 441; recommend taking in first year of MLA program.

Waiver Requirements: demonstrated proficiency in Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign), ArcGIS, Rhinoceros 3D, and use of the CBE laser cutter.

LARCH 441 DIGITAL MEDIA II | 3 cr
A required course for MLA and MLA/MUP students.

The objectives of this class are to continue development of skills in digital programs for representation and design.

Sequence Requirements: Students must have taken or waived LARCH 440 Digital Media I prior to taking LARCH 441 Digital Media II. LARCH 441 is required prior to LARCH 433 Design Implementation.

Waiver Requirement (general): demonstrated proficiency in Rhinoceros 3D, Grasshopper and AutoCAD.

Waiver Requirements (for students in study abroad program in autumn): Students who are unable to take LARCH 441 in sequence (second year for MLA I; first year for MLA II) because of participation in an autumn
study abroad program may substitute LARCH 441 with an approved sequence of online courses. *Substitution with online courses is ONLY available to students who are abroad during autumn quarter AND who have been approved by the GPA.*

The GPA must approve waivers PRIOR to the beginning of the autumn quarter and all coursework must be submitted by the end of classes of autumn quarter. Following completion of the online courses, the student must submit a Curriculum Petition with evidence of completed courses/coursework to the GPA. All costs and other requirements associated with taking online courses are the responsibility of the student. Detailed information for waiver and submission requirements are available on the department website.

**MEDIA SELECTIVE | 3 cr**
Required selective for MLA and MLA/MUP students. Each student is required to take a minimum of 3 credits in the topic area of media.

The objectives of this required selective are to expand on an area of representation and/or production that is of interest to the student. Students may use the Media Selective to pursue additional technical coursework or artistic expression.

Sequence Requirements: none

Waiver Requirement: waivers are not allowed for this selective

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED COURSES:**
There is no specific Department Recommended Course for this required selective.

**APPROVED ALTERNATIVES:**

- LARCH 495 Sketchbook for a Study Abroad Program (3 credits)
- LARCH 598 Digital Fabrication (3) credits
- ARCH 410 Introduction to Architectural Photography (3-5) credits
- ARCH 413 Architectural Photography Projects (3) credits
- ARCH 415 Architectural Sketching (3) credits
- ARCH 418 Watercolor Drawing (3) credits
- ARCH 481 3D Modeling and Rendering (3) credits
- ARCH 482 Web Weaving (3) credits
- ARCH 487 Fundamentals of Building Information Modeling (BIM) (3) credits
- ARCH 527 Introduction to Digital Design and Fabrication (3) credits
- ARCH 528 Digital Design for Fabrication and Construction (3)
- DXARTS 450 Digital Video Foundations (5) credits
- ESRM 430 Remote Sensing of the Environment (5) credits
- GEOG 560 Principles of GIS Mapping (5) credits
- GEOG 517 Geographic Information and Spatial Analysis (5) credits
- GEOG 465/GEOF 565 GIS Database and Programming (5) credits
- SEFS 520 Geographic Information Systems in Forest Resources (5) credits
- SEFS 533/ESRM 433 Airborne Lidar for Remote Sensing of Vegetation & Geomorphology (5) cr
- SOC W 598 Digital Storytelling
- URBDP 404 / 504 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (3) credits
- URBDP 422 / 522 Urban and Regional Geospatial Analysis (5) credits
- URBDP 429/CEE 418 Computer-Aided Planning of Urban Systems
- URBDP 467 Urban Planning Uses of Remote Sensing (3) credits
- URBDP 573 Digital Design (4) credits
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### LARCH 431 GRADING AND DRAINAGE | 3 cr

A required course for MLA I, MLA I/MArch, MLA II/MArch, and MLA I/MUP students.

An additional required course for MLA II and MLA II/MUP students UNLESS student has equivalent coursework from a previous degree. GPA will review to determine if student is required to take course. If required, credit from this course is IN ADDITION TO the minimum required degree credits.

The objectives of this course are to provide basic proficiency in landform manipulation.

Sequence Requirements: taken first quarter of MLA program; must be taken prior to LARCH 433 Design Implementation and LARCH 434 Urban Soils + Hydrology.

Waiver requirements: demonstrated proficiency in site grading and drainage concepts and documentation.

### LARCH 432 MATERIALS, CRAFT, AND CONSTRUCTION | 3 cr

A required course for MLA I and MLA I/MUP students.

An additional required course for MLA II and MLA II/MUP students UNLESS student has equivalent coursework from a previous degree. GPA will review to determine if student is required to take course. If required, credit from this course is IN ADDITION TO the minimum required degree credits.

The objectives of this course are to engage material design criteria and construction techniques.

Sequence Requirements: should be taken prior to LARCH 433 Design Implementation

Waiver requirements: demonstrated proficiency in construction materials and methods including a clear understanding of material properties for common materials used in landscape (minimum 12 months consecutive landscape construction experience).
LARCH 433 DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION | 3 cr
A required course for all MLA I, MLA II/MArch, MLA II/MArch, MLA I/MUP, and MLA II/MUP students.

An additional required course for MLA II students UNLESS student has equivalent coursework from a previous degree. GPA will review to determine if student is required to take course. If required, credit from this course is IN ADDITION TO the minimum required degree credits.

The objectives of this course are to provide basic proficiency in AutoCAD and construction documentation for landscape architecture.

Sequence Requirements: Students must complete LARCH 431 Grading and Drainage, LARCH 432 Materials, Craft, and Construction, and LARCH 441 Digital Media II prior to taking LARCH 433. Students must complete LARCH 433 prior to LARCH 434 Urban Soils + Hydrology.

Waiver requirements: demonstrated proficiency in AutoCAD and construction documentation including plans, details, and specifications (minimum of 12 months of professional landscape architecture experience and compilation of at least 1 construction documents set).

SOILS + HYDROLOGY SELECTIVE | 3 cr
A required course for MLA/MArch students.

A required selective for MLA and MLA/MUP students. Each student is required to take a minimum of 3 credits in the topic area of soils and/or hydrology.

The objectives of this course are to provide focused study on the basic structure and function of soils and/or surficial geology in the context of planning and design.

Sequential Requirements: if taking LARCH 434 to fulfill the requirement, students must have completed LARCH 431 Grading and Drainage, LARCH 433 Design Implementation, and LARCH 441 Digital Media II OR demonstrate proficiency in AutoCAD and assembling a set of landscape architecture construction documents prior to taking LARCH 434.

Waiver Requirements: waivers are not allowed for this selective

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED COURSE:
LARCH 434 Urban Hydrology + Soils (3) credits offered annually: SP

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – PLANTS

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LARCH 424 Advanced Planting Design | 3 cr | Aut + Spr

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PLANT IDENTIFICATION SELECTIVE | 3 cr

A required selective for all MLA I, MLA I/MArch, MLA II/MArch, MLA I/MUP and MLA II/MUP students.

An additional required course for MLA II students UNLESS student has equivalent coursework from a previous degree. GPA will review to determine if student is required to take course. If required, credit from this course is IN ADDITION TO the minimum required degree credits.

The objectives of this course are to introduce students to in-field plant identification, plant classification and uses in design.

Sequential Requirements: this selective must be taken prior to LARCH 424 Advanced Planting Design; recommend taking in first year of MLA program

Waiver Requirements: employment in a nursery for at least 12 months and previous coursework on plant classification.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED COURSE:

LARCH 423 Landscape Plant Identification (3) credits SP

APPROVED ALTERNATIVES:

ESRM 331 Landscape Plant Identification (3) credits SP

BIOL 317 Plant Classification and Identification (5) credits SP + SU

LARCH 424 ADVANCED PLANTING DESIGN | 3 cr

A required course for all MLA students. LARCH 424 is offered in both the autumn and spring quarters, students may take the course either quarter.

The objectives of this course are to provide a fundamental knowledge of planting design, planting plans, and plant installation and management specifications.

Sequential Requirements: students should complete their Plant Identification Selective prior to taking LARCH 424.

Waiver Requirement: waivers are not allowed for this course.
## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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### LARCH 473 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE | 3 cr

A required course for all MLA, MLA/MArch, and MLA/MUP students.

The objectives of this class are to provide foundational knowledge for how the professional field is structured and operates.

Sequential Requirements: none.

Waiver Requirement: evidence of employment in a professional landscape architecture office for no less than consecutive 12 months.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – LAW | FINANCE | POLICY

GPA must approve all course waivers and curriculum modifications.

For Required Selectives, student may select Department Recommended Courses, Approved Alternatives, or may request approval from the GPA for a course not listed.

LAW, FINANCE OR POLICY SELECTIVE | 3 cr
All MLA and MLA/MArch students are required to take a minimum of 3 credits in the topic area of law, finance or policy.

The objectives of this course are a foundational understanding of law, finance or policy that relates to the design or management of built environments. Students may select a course that aligns with their capstone topic.

Sequential Requirements: none

Waiver Requirements: waivers are not allowed for this selective

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED COURSES:
There is no specific Department Recommended Course for this required selective.

APPROVED ALTERNATIVES:

- CM 500/ARCH 574 Design and Construction Law (3) credits
- CM 423 Construction Law (3) credits
- CM 540 Sustainable Construction (3) credits
- CM 545 Real Estate Development (3) credits
- URBDP 450 Introduction to Land Use, Growth Management & Environmental Planning (3) credits
- URBDP 526 Floodplain Management & Planning for Coastal & River Communities (3) credits
- URBDP 532 Current Topics in Transportation Planning & Policy (4) credits
- URBDP 536 Health Impact Assessment (2) credits + (1) credit independent study
- URBDP 549 Hazard Mitigation Planning (3) credits
- URBDP 550 Land Use, Growth Management & Environmental Planning (3) credits
- URBDP 552/RE 510 Introduction to Real Estate (3) credits
- URBDP 553/RE 553 Urban Land Economics (4) credits
- URBDP 554/RE 513 Real Estate Finance and Investment (4) credits
- URBDP 557/RE 515 Real Estate Law (3) credits
- URBDP 560 Inequality, Governance, & Policy in the Metropolitan Region (3-4) credits
- URBDP 561/PUB POL 561 Urban Economics and Public Policy (3-4) credits
- URBDP 566 Infrastructure and Community Facilities (4) credits
- URBDP 577/RE 570 Real Estate Project Finance (3) credits
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MLA students are required to take a minimum of 12 credits of open electives (400-level and above).

MLA/MUP students are required to take a minimum of 12 credits of open electives (400-level and above). This requirement is a combined total between both the MLA and MUP degrees.

MLA/MArch students are required to take a minimum of 9 credits of open electives (400-level and above). This requirement is a combined total between both MLA and MArch degrees.

The objective of Open Elective courses is to allow students to tailor their degree to an area of specialization based on their interests.

Sequential Requirements: none; open electives may be taken any quarter

Waiver Requirements: waivers are not allowed for open electives. Students may select from any 400-level or above course offering in the University.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – CAPSTONE

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CAPSTONE

The capstone program is a 12-credit focused investigation taken over the course of the final year of the program. MLA students may choose from three capstone options: Thesis, Group Project, or Capstone Studio. Concurrent degree students (MLA/MArch and MLA/MUP) are required to do the Thesis option. The majority of the capstone program is taken over the winter and spring quarters of the final year. Please review the MLA Capstone Guidelines for more details about preparation courses taken prior to the final year, capstone options and requirements.

Please see MLA Capstone Guidelines (available on the Department website) for details regarding options, required courses, and credit sequencing for Capstone.