

# Typical Course Sequence for MLA I (3 year) track

**Effective for Students entering Autumn 2020 or later**  
 Minimum 120 credits required for MLA I [3 year] track

This chart indicates the typical course sequence, however, only courses in grey are required to be taken the quarter they are indicated. Students should note that most LARCH courses are only offered once per year. LARCH 424 Advanced Planting Design is offered in Autumn and Spring. In general, it is recommended that students take Open Electives in Year 2 or Year 3.

## YEAR 1

AUTUMN	
LARCH 401 - Design Foundations Studio	6
LARCH 570 - Theory + Scholarship in Landscape Architecture	3
LARCH 431 - Landform + Grading	3
LARCH 411 - Landscape Representation I	3
15	

WINTER	
LARCH 402 - Urban Sites Studio	6
○ LARCH 553 - History of Modern Landscape Arch. [BE History Selective]	5
○ LARCH 561 - Human Experience of Place [Socio-Political Dim. Selective]	3
LARCH 440 - Digital Media in Landscape I	3
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SPRING	
LARCH 403 - Ecological Systems Studio	6
LARCH 571 - Introduction to Faculty Research	1
○ LARCH 423 - Plant ID [Plant ID Selective]	3
○ LARCH 563 - Ecological Design + Planning [BioPhysical Ecology Selective]	3
13	

## YEAR 2

AUTUMN	
+ MLA Advanced Studio	6
LARCH 432 - Materials + Craft	3
LARCH 441 - Digital Media in Landscape Architecture II	3
S LARCH 424 - Planting Design Sem OR Student Choice if taking 424 in spring	3
15	

WINTER	
+ MLA Advanced Studio	6
LARCH 433 - Design Implementation	3
LARCH 473 - Professional Practice	3
S Student Choice: Media Selective, Law Selective or Open Elective	3
15	

SPRING	
+ MLA Advanced Studio	6
○ LARCH 572 - Land. Arch Research Methods [Research Methods Selective]	3
○ LARCH 434 - Urban Hydrology + Soils [Soils + Hydrology Selective]	3
S LARCH 424 - Planting Design Sem OR Student Choice if taking 424 in aut.	3
15	

## YEAR 3

AUTUMN	
+ MLA Advanced Studio	6
Capstone: Thesis Prep Sem. (3) OR Capstone Studio Prep Seminar (1)	3
S Student Choice: Media Selective, Law Selective or Open Elective	3
X Extra Open Elective (optional)	
12	

WINTER	
Capstone: Thesis (6) OR Group Project (6) OR Capstone Studio (6)	6
S LARCH 701 - Thesis Studio OR Student Choice	6
X Extra Open Elective (optional)	
12	

SPRING	
Capstone: Thesis (3) OR Group Project (3) OR Capstone Studio (5)	3
S Student Choice: Media Selective, Law Selective or Open Elective	3
X Extra Open Elective (optional)	
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6	

**Total credits earned 120**

### General Notes:

- Courses in grey must be taken in the quarter indicated to remain in sequence.
- Required Selective: Student may choose which course to take to fulfill Selective credit requirement. The course shown is the recommended course. Alternatively, student may select a course from the Approved Alternative Courses list in the [MLA Curriculum Description](#). Student should confirm which quarter their preferred selective course is offered; most courses are only offered once per year.
- + For Advanced Studios, student selects from among all advanced studio courses offered including BE and study abroad studio courses taught by LA faculty. Student may replace 1 advanced studio with a "wildcard" studio course (a studio course NOT taught by LA faculty); approval by the Graduate Program Advisor required.
- S For courses identified as "Student Choice", student chooses between the Media Selective (3 cr), Law/Finance/Policy Selective (3 cr) or an Open Elective (12 cr total) in the quarter indicated. These requirements do not need to be taken in sequence or in a specific quarter. Students should identify courses they are interested in and confirm which quarter(s) the courses are taught. Most courses are taught once per year; refer to the online UW Course Catalog and UW Time Schedule.
- X Extra Open Elective: This is an optional course, the course credits are not required for the MLA degree. Student may take any course offered at UW.

### Restrictions:

- Only 400-level and above courses may fulfill MLA degree requirements.
- Waived courses do NOT count towards credits earned. Waived courses must be replaced with an equal or greater amount of open elective credits. See [MLA Curriculum Description](#) for individual course waiver requirements.
- For Open Electives, student may select from any 400+ level course offered at UW including LARCH 600 - Independent Study and LARCH 601 - Internship.
- LARCH 600 Independent Study - maximum 12 credits
- LARCH 601 Internship - maximum 9 credits

### Capstone Notes:

- For the MLA Capstone, student selects from three capstone options: Thesis, Group Project or Capstone Studio. Course selection requirements are dependent on the capstone option selected; however all students must take 12 credits of capstone courses. For a description of the options and information about required courses per option, refer to the [MLA Capstone Guidelines](#).
- \* LARCH 701 Thesis Studio is recommend for students who select the Thesis or Group Project option; LARCH 701 fulfills Open Elective credits. Students who select the Capstone Studio are not eligible to take LARCH 701.

### Full-time Status + Tuition Costs:

Students must take a minimum of 10 credits per quarter for "full-time" status. Full-time tuition costs apply when taking between 7-18 credits. Any credits over 18 credits require additional tuition fees.

### Other helpful resources (available on Dept website):

- [MLA Program Guide](#)
- [MLA Curriculum Description + MLA Degree Requirements Checklist](#)
- [MLA Capstone Guidelines](#)

For questions, concerns, and advising needs, please consult with the Graduate Program Advisor (Julie Parrett; parrettj@uw.edu)