



**BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION + GUIDE**

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DISCLAIMER:

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

INTRODUCTION

The University of Washington Department of Landscape Architecture offers a fully accredited professional Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) degree program that empowers students with the education and skills in urban ecological design to address emerging challenges in our built environments. Refer to the department website to learn more regarding our focus on [urban ecological design](#).

This guide covers course requirements to complete the BLA degree. Students should refer to the *BLA Program Guide* for information on advising resources, evaluation and grading, low scholarship and performance policies and resources at the department, college and university level.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Suggested Coursework: In preparation for applying to the major, students are encouraged to complete General Education and elective courses in the following areas (these courses are NOT required for admission into the program);

- L ARCH courses open to non-majors (note: some of these courses are required for the degree)

L ARCH 322 Intro to Planting Design	Spring	3cr
L ARCH 341 Site Planning + Design	Autumn	3cr
L ARCH 352 History of Landscape Arch	Autumn	5cr
L ARCH 353 Modern History of Landscape Arch	Winter	5cr
L ARCH 361 Human Experience of Place	Winter	3cr
L ARCH 363 Ecological Design + Planning	Spring	3cr

- Built environment studies, including architecture and urban planning
- Art courses, especially intro to drawing, digital design and drafting
- Intro to earth sciences or geology
- Intro to environmental science, ecology or plant identification

See the Department website for more information and specific course suggestions.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There are two types of courses you need to complete to receive your BLA degree:

(1) GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITE STUDIO

When you enter the BLA program, you are expected to have already completed 70 credits, including general education requirements and BLA prerequisite studio L ARCH 300.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

English Composition	5cr
Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning	4-5cr
Diversity	3cr
Writing (L ARCH history courses fulfill this requirement)	10cr

Areas of Knowledge

VLPA (Visual, Literary and Performing Arts) 20cr
(L ARCH 300 counts toward this total)

I&S (Individuals and Societies) 20cr

NW (Natural World) 20cr
(one class to fulfill prereq for [Land / Geology requirement](#) recommended)

NOTE: L ARCH 300 and other L ARCH courses not required for the BLA degree may count for Areas of Knowledge

BLA PREREQUISITE STUDIO

L ARCH 300 Intro Landscape Arch Design Studio Aut or Sum 6 cr

Please refer to the [UW Student Guide section on the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture](#) (Undergraduate tab) for details. If you have not fulfilled the General Education requirements or BLA prerequisites prior to being admitted to the BLA program, you will need to fit these into your schedule while in the program. Meet with the Undergraduate Program Adviser during your first quarter in the BLA program to create a plan and timeline for meeting all graduation requirements.

(2) BLA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

BLA degree requirements represent the core sequence of classes necessary to attain a professional Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree. Course requirements are shown on the **BLA Degree Requirements Checklist** at the end of this document. Your studies within the BLA program focus on landscape architecture theory, history, technical skills, related studies and studio courses.

Studio courses form the core of the program and are where ideas, concepts, and technical skills are developed and translated through a design thinking approach to education and learning. These studios often engage and work directly with local communities. The culminating capstone studio for the program is a design/build project that draws on all that is taught in the previous terms of the program.

The BLA curriculum is divided into 8 topic areas. Descriptions and requirements are listed by topic area:

- Studio
- Plants
- Graphics / Media
- History
- Construction
- Theory and Skills
- Directed Electives
- Open Electives

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

The BLA degree requires 182 credits. Some courses may fulfill both general education requirements and prerequisites, and some BLA degree requirements can simultaneously fulfill Writing or Diversity general education requirements. BLA course requirements can often overlap with a minor. Overlaps give you more flexibility in choosing courses within or outside the department to enrich your knowledge and skills. Consider taking open electives including LARCH 476 Internship, special offerings in the department (typically LARCH 498) or courses that would support a minor.

TYPICAL SEQUENCE

The standard timeline for BLA students is 9 quarters (or three years). However, students who enter the program with significant progress toward general education and degree requirements already complete may pursue an accelerated 7-quarter (two years plus one summer term) course sequence. Charts at the end of this guide illustrate

these options. When you enter the program, the Undergraduate Program Adviser will discuss which sequence makes the most sense for you. You need to remain in sequence, as all landscape architecture and several directed elective courses are offered only once each academic year.

BLA CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

This policy outlines curriculum requirements for the professional Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) degree. In rare circumstances, some requirements may be waived based on previous academic and/or professional experience. Students should meet with the Undergraduate Program Adviser in the first term in the program to determine eligibility for specific curriculum waiver requests.

STUDIO

7 courses (42 credits) required

LARCH 401 Design Foundations Studio	Autumn	6 cr
LARCH 402 Urban Sites Studio	Winter	6 cr
LARCH 403 Ecological Systems Studio	Spring	6 cr
LARCH 404 Advanced Studio I	Autumn	6 cr
LARCH 405 Advanced Studio II	Winter	6 cr
LARCH 474 Design Build I	Winter	6 cr
LARCH 475 Design Build II	Spring	6 cr

FOUNDATION STUDIOS (401, 402, 403)

In the initial year of the program, students are required to take a studio each term to fulfill the basic core curriculum. These studios are taken with incoming three-year MLA students. These foundational studios introduce the development of design processes and technical skills as core knowledge for subsequent advanced studios. As stated, these studios are foundational to the program and may not be replaced by other studio courses.

ADVANCED STUDIOS (404, 405, 407)

In the second and third years of the program, students are required to take two approved Advanced Studio courses (LARCH 404, 405). Advanced Studios can focus on topics such as neighborhood design, cultural landscapes, ecological urbanism, design activism, community design, landscape urbanism and landscape + art. Students in the accelerated sequence must take one of these studios during the summer term before their second year in the program to stay on track for graduation. This summer studio is typically offered as LARCH 407. (NOTE: In some terms, approved Advanced Studios may be listed with different numbers than indicated here).

DESIGN-BUILD CAPSTONE STUDIOS (474, 475)

LARCH 474 (Design Build I) and 475 (Design Build II) studios form the BLA capstone, a design-build studio in which students work with a real client to design and build a landscape. These studios engage students in projects that advance and refine their professional skills, typically with community clients. LARCH 475 integrates and applies the prior years' evolving professional skills toward a tangible place. This studio series is required for all BLA majors and may not be replaced even by other design-build studios. Information on these studios can be found on the website: <http://larch.be.uw.edu/portfolio/designbuild/>.

These studios are taken in sequence in a students' final two terms as a BLA (third year for 9-quarter students; second year for 7-quarter students).

In some years, the project scale or the client schedule is such that the BLA capstone project is limited to a single term. In these years, LARCH 474 is not offered and students must replace this studio with an approved replacement

studio, such as study abroad or an interdisciplinary college-wide BE studio offering similar content. Students are still required to take LARCH 475 during their final spring term.

REQUESTING A REPLACEMENT / WILDCARD STUDIO

Students may replace one (but not both) of their advanced studios with another studio offering similar content. These wildcard studios may include study abroad, BE studios, studios taught by other CBE departments or relevant studios offered elsewhere in the university. Previously accepted replacement studios include graduate LARCH studios, BE studios, CEP 498 Planning Studio or ENVIR 480 Sustainability Studio.

To request a replacement studio, students must submit a complete curriculum petition and a syllabus or course description for the replacement studio to the Undergraduate Program Adviser no later than week 6 of the preceding quarter. Contact the Undergraduate Program Adviser if you have questions about a course's eligibility as a replacement studio.

NOTE: BE Studios and study abroad studios in which at least one of the instructors is a landscape architecture faculty member are considered landscape architecture studios and do not count toward the student's wildcard option.

ADDITIONAL STUDIOS

Students may (and are encouraged to) take additional studios during quarters when there is not a required BLA studio.

HISTORY

2 courses (8-10 credits) required

LARCH 352 History of Landscape Architecture	Autumn	5 cr
LARCH 353 History of Modern Landscape Architecture	Winter	5 cr
Alternative option: LARCH 454 History of Urban Landscapes and Environments	Spring*	5cr

All BLA students are required to take two landscape history courses. The objectives of this requirement are to examine the foundations to the leading edge of theory and scholarship within the field and discipline. LARCH 352 is offered every autumn quarter; LARCH 353 is offered every winter quarter. These courses are open to non-majors and can be taken as BLA program prerequisites. These courses do not need to be taken in sequence. BLA students may substitute one of these courses with another landscape history course. Acceptable alternatives include LARCH 454 History of Urban Landscapes and Environments (offered alternating spring quarters) and the Rome study abroad history option.

NOTE: alternative courses are not offered regularly and typically do not fulfill the general education Writing requirement.

THEORY

3 courses (9 credits) required

LARCH 341 Site Design and Planning	Autumn	3 cr
LARCH 361 Human Experience of Place	Winter	3 cr
LARCH 363 Ecological Design and Planning	Spring	3 cr

All BLA students are required to take the landscape theory sequence 341, 361 and 363. These courses should be completed by the end of a student's first year in the program. These courses are open to non-majors and may be taken prior to beginning the BLA program.

MEDIA/GRAPHICS

3 courses (9 credits) required

LARCH 411 Landscape Representation	Autumn	3 cr
LARCH 440 Digital Media I	Winter	3 cr
LARCH 441 Digital Media II	Autumn	3 cr

All BLA students are required to take the landscape media/graphics sequence 411, 440 and 441. These courses should be completed in sequence. For exceptions, contact the Undergraduate Program Adviser.

LARCH 411 LANDSCAPE REPRESENTATION | 3 CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this class are to develop skills in 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 conventions for representation in landscape architecture.

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

LARCH 440 DIGITAL MEDIA I | 3CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this class are to develop skills in the basic disciplinary digital programs for representation and design. Students must have taken or waived LARCH 411 Landscape Representation prior to taking LARCH 440.

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 | 3CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this class are to continue development of skills in digital programs for representation and design. Students must have taken or waived LARCH 440 Digital Media I prior to taking LARCH 441. LARCH 441 should be taken 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 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 Undergraduate Program Adviser.

The Undergraduate Program Adviser must approve all requests for waiver prior to the beginning of the Autumn quarter. More information on the LARCH 441 waiver is available on the [Student Resources + Info page](#) of the website.

CONSTRUCTION

4 courses (12 credits) required

LARCH 431 Grading and Drainage	Autumn	3 cr
LARCH 432 Materials, Craft, and Construction	Autumn	3 cr
LARCH 433 Design Implementation	Winter	3 cr
LARCH 434 Urban Soils and Hydrology	Spring	3 cr

All BLA students are required to take the landscape construction sequence 431, 432, 433 and 434. These courses should be completed in sequence. Completion of the Media/Graphics sequence is required before taking LARCH 433. For exceptions, contact the Undergraduate Program Adviser.

LARCH 431 LANDFORM GRADING AND DRAINAGE | 3 CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this course are to provide basic proficiency in landform manipulation. LARCH 431 should be taken prior to LARCH 432, LARCH 433 and LARCH 434.

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

LARCH 432 MATERIALS, CRAFT, AND CONSTRUCTION | 3 CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this course are to engage design criteria and construction techniques. LARCH 432 should be taken prior to LARCH 433 and LARCH 434.

Waiver requirements: demonstrated proficiency in construction materials and methods including a clear understanding of material properties for common materials used in landscape.

LARCH 433 DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION | 3 CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this course are to provide basic proficiency in AutoCAD and construction documentation. Students should complete LARCH 431, LARCH 432 and LARCH 441 prior to taking this course.

Waiver requirements: demonstrated proficiency in AutoCAD and construction documentation including plans, details, and specifications.

LARCH 434 URBAN SOILS AND HYDROLOGY SELECTIVE | 3 CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this course are to provide basic understanding and skills needed by landscape architects to implement design solutions that manipulate urban hydrological conditions. Students should complete LARCH 433 prior to taking LARCH 434.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE*3 credits required*

LARCH 473 Professional Practice	Winter	3 cr
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LARCH 473 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE | 3 CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this class are to provide foundational knowledge for how the professional field is structured and operates.

Waiver Requirement: evidence of employment in a professional design office for no less than 12 months.

PLANTS / PLANTING DESIGN*3 courses (9-13 credits) required*

LARCH 423 Plant Identification + Management	Spr	3 cr
LARCH 424 Advanced Planting Design	Aut or Spr	3 cr
Plants Elective		3–5 cr

LARCH 423 PLANT IDENTIFICATION + MANAGEMENT | 3 CR

All BLA students are required to take one course in plant identification and management. The Department offers LARCH 423 to complete this requirement. Students can also complete approved alternatives listed below.

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

Approved Alternatives:

ESRM 331	Landscape Plant Identification (3) credits	offered Spring term
BIOL 317	Plant Classification and Identification (5) credits	offered Spring and Summer

LARCH 424 ADVANCED PLANTING DESIGN | 3 CR

A required course for all BLA students, the objectives of this class are to provide a fundamental knowledge of planting design, planting plants, and plant installation and management specifications. Students should complete their plant identification requirement and LARCH 403 prior to taking LARCH 424. LARCH 424 is typically offered in both the autumn and spring quarters, students may take the course either quarter.

Waiver Requirement: waivers are not allowed for this course.

PLANTS ELECTIVE | 3-5 CR

BLA students are required to take one additional upper division course (300-level or higher) in ecological restoration or plant management.

APPROVED COURSES:

Biology	BIOL	317, 331, 422, 424, 425, 441
Environmental Science and Resource Management	ESRM	323, 331, 411, 412, 428, 473, 474, 478, 479

DIRECTED ELECTIVES

5 courses in four focal areas required

The program requires five directed elective courses (minimum of 15 credits). These are divided into four categories:

- Ecology and forestry, two courses (minimum 6 credits)
- Environmental law and policy, one course (minimum 3 credits)
- Urban design and planning, one course (minimum 3 credits)
- Land / Geology, one course (minimum 3 credits)

A list of courses accepted by the department to fulfill these categories is provided to students annually. Students can find the list of accepted courses on the resources page of the department website or contact the Undergraduate Program Adviser.

A student may identify a course that is not on the approved list but appears to fit the description of the directed elective category. If a student wishes to use such a course to satisfy the requirements of a category, they can discuss the course with the Undergraduate Program Adviser. Please supply the program coordinator with a course syllabus or description.

ECOLOGY / FORESTRY | 2 COURSES (MINIMUM 6 CREDITS)

Each student is required to take 2 courses (minimum of 6 credits). Directed electives for ecology and forestry provide students with exposure to the theoretical framing, methodological approaches and applicability of research in the ecological sciences.

APPROVED COURSES:

Anthropology	ANTH	410, 488
Atmospheric Sciences	ATM S	350
Biology	BIOL	315, 317, 331, 356, 418, 422, 424, 425, 447, 449, 470, 472, 476, 480
Construction Management	CM	432
Environmental Studies	ENVIR	313, 362, 410, 415, 478
Environmental Science and Resource Management	ESRM	304, 311, 315, 323, 325, 328, 331, 350, 351, 362, 368, 400, 403, 405, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 420, 425, 426, 428, 429, 430, 433, 441, 447, 448, 450, 451, 457, 459, 461, 462, 463, 464, 468, 473, 474, 478, 479
Earth and Space Sciences	ESS	301, 305, 315, 326, 426, 427, 447, 454, 456, 475
Fisheries	FISH	312, 323, 328, 330, 428, 447, 448, 454, 455, 458, 473, 474, 478
Geography	GEOG	317, 326, 360, 438, 461

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY | 1 COURSE (MINIMUM 3 CREDITS)

Each student is required to take 1 course (minimum of 3 credits). This directed elective provides student learning in legal, political, and/or transactional conditions related to the design or management of built environments.

APPROVED COURSES:

Anthropology	ANTH	459, 487
Architecture	ARCH	574
Construction Management	CM	411, 421, 423, 430, 455, 500
Economics	ECON	435, 436
Entrepreneurship	ENTRE	370
Environmental Studies	ENVIR	360, 379, 384, 415, 476, 485
Environmental Science and Resource Management	ESRM	320, 321, 371, 381, 400, 403, 421, 423, 458, 461, 465, 470, 485
Fisheries	FISH	461, 480
Geography	GEOG	370, 377, 445, 448, 467, 474, 478
Law	LAW	429, 442, 481
Real Estate	RE	350
School of Marine and Environmental Affairs	SMEA	433, 476
Urban Design and Planning	URBDP	450

URBAN DESIGN + PLANNING | 1 COURSE (MINIMUM 3 CREDITS)

Each student is required to take 1 course (minimum of 3 credits). This directed elective introduces practices of city and/or regional planning beyond the site scale.

APPROVED COURSES:

Community, Environment, and Planning	CEP	470, 498
Urban Design & Planning	URBDP	300, 301, 370, 404, 405, 422, 423, 424, 429, 450, 451, 457, 466, 467, 481, 498, 499

LAND / GEOLOGY | 1 COURSE (MINIMUM 3 CREDITS)

Each student is required to take a minimum of one course in geology or earth science offered through the Earth and Space Sciences Department. This directed elective supplements but does not replace LARCH 434 Urban Soils and Hydrology. These courses have a mandatory prerequisite course: one of ESS 101, ESS 105, ESS 210, or ESS 211. BLA students typically complete this prerequisite prior to entering the program.

APPROVED COURSES:

Earth and Space Science	ESS	301, 305, 315
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Note: ESS 315 is offered in winter term only and ESS 301 and 305 are offered in alternating spring terms. Consider this in planning your schedule.

OPEN ELECTIVES

In addition to the required courses discussed in this document, students are encouraged to take elective classes to gain additional skills and experience. These courses can include additional studios (beyond the 7 required studios), internships (LARCH 476), special project courses (generally listed as LARCH 498) or research (LARCH 499). Students can take courses elsewhere in the College of Built Environments (ARCH, BE, CEP, CM, RE, URBDP) or courses offered elsewhere in the university. Open electives can be applied toward a minor or second major or for general education.

BLA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

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BLA Degree Requirements Checklist

Effective for Students entering **Autumn Quarter 2022+**

Name: _____

Student #: _____ Qtr./Yr. Admitted: _____

BLA Prerequisite

Studio (required)	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 300 Introductory LA Design Studio	6	Aut/Sum	

General Education Prerequisites (minimum 72 credits)

English Composition	5
Quantitative & Symbolic	4-5
Diversity	3
Writing	10
Areas of Knowledge	60

VLPA (20 credits), I&S (20 credits), NW (20 credits)

BLA Program Courses

Studios (required)	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 401 Design Foundations	6	Autumn	
LARCH 402 Urban Sites	6	Winter	
LARCH 403 Ecological Systems	6	Spring	
LARCH 404 Advanced Studio I	6	Autumn	
LARCH 405/407 Advanced Studio II	6	Win/Sum	
LARCH 474 Design-Build I	6	Winter	
LARCH 475 Design-Build II	6	Spring	

Professional Practice (required)	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 473 Professional Practice	3	Winter	

Plants/Planting Design (required)	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 423 Plant Identification	3	Spr/Sum	
LARCH 424 Adv. Planting Design	3	Aut/Spr	
Plants elective	3-5		

History (required)	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 352 History of LA	5	Autumn	
LARCH 353 History of Modern LA	5	Winter	

Directed Electives (required; see list)	credits	quarter	grade
Ecology (2 courses):	6		
Law & Policy:	3		
UDP:	3		
Land (ESS 315 or ESS 301/305 when offered)	5	Win/Spr	

Theory (required)	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 341 Site Design + Planning	3	Autumn	
LARCH 361 Human Experience of Place	3	Winter	
LARCH 363 Ecological Design + Planning	3	Spring	

Open Electives	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 406 Individual Design	varies		
LARCH 476 Prof'l Operations(Practicum)*	1-6		
LARCH 499 Undergraduate Research**	varies		

Media/Graphics (required)	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 411 Landscape Representation I	3	Autumn	
LARCH 440 Digital Media I	3	Winter	
LARCH 441 Digital Media II	3	Autumn	

Construction (required)	credits	quarter	grade
LARCH 431 Landform Grading + Drainage	3	Autumn	
LARCH 432 Landscape Construction	3	Autumn	
LARCH 433 Design Implementation	3	Winter	
LARCH 434 Urban Soils and Hydrology	3	Spring	

NOTES (minors, etc.):

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BLA TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE | 9-QUARTER

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LARCH COURSE PREREQUISITE (6 credits)

LARCH 300	Introduction to LA studio	6
SUGGESTED COURSEWORK (not required for admissions)		
LARCH 322	Intro to Planting Design	3
LARCH 341	Site Design and Planning	3
LARCH 352	History of Landscape Architecture	5
LARCH 353	Modern History of Landscape Architecture	5
LARCH 361	The Human Experience of Place	3
LARCH 363	Ecological Design and Planning	3

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (minimum 72 credits)

English Composition	5
Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	4-5
Diversity	3
Writing (LARCH 352 & LARCH 353 fulfill reqrs)	10
Areas of Knowledge	60
VLPA (20 credits), I & S (20 credits), and NW (20 credits, one class to fulfill pre-requisite for ESS 315/ENVIR 313 or ESS 301; plant biology class recommended). LARCH 300 and LARCH courses, not required within the BLA program, may count in these areas.	

TAKE CLASSES IN BOLD IN THE QUARTER LISTED; TAKE CLASSES NOT IN BOLD AS LISTED UNLESS YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN THEM AND THEN REFER TO DIRECTED ELECTIVES REQUIREMENTS:

	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
YEAR 1	LARCH 401 Design Foundations Studio 6	LARCH 402 Urban Sites Studio 6	LARCH 403 Ecological Systems Studio 6
	LARCH 341 Site Design & Planning 3	LARCH 361 Experience of Place 3	LARCH 363 Ecological Design & Planning 3
	LARCH 411 Landscape Representation I 3	LARCH 440 Digital Media I 3	LARCH 423 Landscape Plant Recognition 3 or 5
	LARCH 431 Landform Grading & Drainage 3	Option: History or Directed Elective (esp. ESS : 3-5	Option: Directed Elective or Plants Electh 3-5
	Credits 15	Total Credits 15-17	Total Credits varies

	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
YEAR 2	LARCH 404 Advanced Studio I 6	LARCH 405 Advanced Studio II 6	Options: Directed Electives; Internship;
	LARCH 432 Landscape Construction 3	LARCH 433 Design Implementation 3	Minor Requirements; Open
	LARCH 441 Digital Media II 3	LARCH 473 Professional Practice 3	Elective; Plants Elective; Study
	Option: History; Directed Elective; Open I 3-5	Option: History or Directed Elective (esp. ESS : 3-5	Abroad
	Total Credits 15-17	Total Credits 15-17	Total Credits varies

	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
YEAR 3	Options: Directed Electives; Internship;	LARCH 474 Design-Build I 6	LARCH 475 Design-Build II 6
	Minor Requirements; Open	Options: Directed Electives; Internship; Minor	LARCH 424 Advanced Planting Design 3
	Elective; Plants Elective; Study	Requirements; Open Elective; Plants	LARCH 434 Urban Soils and Hydrology 3
	Abroad	Elective; Study Abroad	Option: Directed Elective or Open Electiv 3
	Total Credits varies	Total Credits varies	Total Credits 12-15

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BLA ACCELERATED COURSE SEQUENCE |

7-QUARTER

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BLA ACCELERATED SEQUENCE (7 QUARTERS OR 2 YEARS + SUMMER) | ENTERING IN AUTUMN 2022

LARCH COURSE PREREQUISITE (6 credits)

LARCH 300 Introduction to LA studio	6
SUGGESTED COURSEWORK (not required for admissions)	
LARCH 322 Intro to Planting Design	3
LARCH 341 Site Design and Planning	3
LARCH 352 History of Landscape Architecture	5
LARCH 353 Modern History of Landscape Architecture	5
LARCH 361 The Human Experience of Place	3
LARCH 363 Ecological Design and Planning	3

GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES (minimum 72 credits)

English Composition	5
Quantitative & Symbolic Reas	4-5
Diversity	3
Writing (LARCH 353 & LARCH 353 ful)	10
Areas of Knowledge	60
VLPA (20 credits), I & S (20 credits), and NW (20 credits, one class to fulfill pre-requisite for ESS 315/ENVR 313 or ESS 301; plant biology class recommended).	
LARCH 300 and LARCH courses, not required within the BLA program, may count in these areas.	

	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
YEAR 1	LARCH 401 Design Foundations Studio	LARCH 402 Urban Sites Studio	LARCH 403 Ecological Systems Studi	LARCH 407 Advanced Stu
	LARCH 341 Site Design & Planning	LARCH 361 Experience of Place	LARCH 363 Ecological Design & Plani	Options: Directed
	LARCH 411 Landscape Representation I	LARCH 440 Digital Media I	LARCH 423 Landscape Plant Recogni	Elective; 6-9
	LARCH 431 Landform Grading & Drainage	Option: History or Directed Elective (es 3-5	Option: Directed Elective or Plant: 3-5	
	Credits 15	Total Credits 15-17	Total Credits varies	Total Credits 12-15
YEAR 2	LARCH 404 Advanced Studio I	LARCH 474 Design-Build I	LARCH 475 Design-Build II	
	LARCH 432 Landscape Construction	LARCH 433 Design Implementation	LARCH 424 Advanced Planting Design	
	LARCH 441 Digital Media II	LARCH 473 Professional Practice	LARCH 434 Urban Soils and Hydrolog	
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