

MLA/MUP (4-YEAR TRACK) – TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE

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Effective for students entering Autumn 2025 or later - Minimum 121 credits required



Year 1					
AUTUMN		WINTER		SPRING	
● LARCH 401 Design Foundations Studio (6)		● LARCH 402 Urban Sites Studio (6)		● LARCH 403 Ecological Systems Studio (6)	
● LARCH 570 Theory + Scholarship (3)		○ MLA BE History Selective rec: LARCH 553 History of Modern Landscape Arch. (5)		○ MLA BioPhysical Ecology Selective rec: LARCH 563 Ecological Design + Planning (3)	
● LARCH 431 Landform + Grading (3)		○ MLA Socio-Political Dimensions of Design Selective rec: LARCH 561 Human Experience of Place (3)		○ MLA Plant ID Selective rec: LARCH 423 Plant ID + Management (3-5)	
● LARCH 411 Landscape Representation (3)		● LARCH 440 Digital Media in Landscape I (3)		● LARCH 571 Introduction to Faculty Research (1)	
15		17		13-15	

Year 2					
AUTUMN		WINTER		SPRING	
○ MLA Advanced Studio (6)		○ MLA Advanced Studio (6)		○ MLA Advanced Studio (6)	
● LARCH 432 Materials + Construction (3)		● LARCH 433 Design Implementation (3)		● LARCH 424 Advanced Planting Design (3)	
● LARCH 441 Digital Media in Landscape II (3)		● LARCH 473 LA Professional Practice (3)		○ MLA Soils + Hydrology Selective rec: LARCH 434 Urban Hydrology + Soils (3)	
Elective(s) (3)					
15		12		12	

Year 3					
AUTUMN		WINTER		SPRING	
● URBDP 500 Survey in Urban Planning (4)		● URBDP 501 Comprehensive Planning + Implementation (4)		● URBDP 507 Urban Planning Studio (5)	
● URBDP 520 Quantitative Methods (5)		● URBDP 506 Planning Studio Prep (3)		● URBDP 512 Research Seminar (3)	
● URBDP 527 History, Ethics, Form and Theory I (HEFT I) (3)		● URBDP 528 History, Ethics, Form and Theory II (HEFT II) (3)		● URBDP 580 Legal + Administrative Framework (3)	
○ MUP Elective: URBDP 504 Intro to GIS recommended (3)		○ MUP Restricted Elective or Elective (3)		○ MUP Restrictive Elective or Elective (LARCH 572 Research Methods can apply) (3)	
15		13		14	

Year 4					
AUTUMN		WINTER		SPRING	
● URBDP 518 Qualitative Methods (3)		Thesis (6)		Thesis (3)	
Elective(s) (3)		○ MLA Advanced Media Selective (3)		Elective(s) (3)	
6		9		6	

Legend

-  Courses in gray must be taken by the quarter indicated to remain in sequence.
-  Courses in white may be taken in a different quarter than shown based on the actual course selected by the student.
- Required course: Student must take that specific course.
- Selective/Directed Elective course: Student chooses which course to take to fulfill requirement from the list of approved options. See [MLA Curriculum Guide](#) and [MUP Restricted Elective Requirements](#) for courses.

Notes

Students may take courses in addition to those listed above. Full-time tuition costs apply when taking between 7-18 credits. Any credits over 18 credits require additional tuition costs. Students with loans should check with the UW Financial Aid Office about minimum credits required per quarter.

Only 400-level and above courses may fulfill MLA/MUP degree requirements. The minimum credit requirement remains at 121 regardless of waived coursework. Total credits may exceed the minimum total. This form is for planning purposes only; individual course plans may differ, consult the MLA + MUP Program Coordinators.