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)
	MLA Advanced Media Selective	(3)				
		15		12		12

Year 3

	AUTUMN		WINTER		SPRING	
●	URBAN 500 Survey in Urban Planning	(4)	● URBAN 501 Comprehensive Planning + Implementation	(4)	● URBAN 507 Urban Planning Studio	(5)
●	URBAN 520 Quantitative Methods	(5)	● URBAN 506 Planning Studio Prep	(3)	● URBAN 512 Research Seminar	(3)
●	URBAN 527 History, Ethics, Form and Theory I (HEFT I)	(3)	● URBAN 528 History, Ethics, Form and Theory II (HEFT II)	(3)	● URBAN 580 Legal + Administrative Framework	(3)
○	MUP Elective: URBAN 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	
●	URBAN 518 Qualitative Methods	(3)	Thesis	(6)	Thesis	(3)
	Elective(s)	(3)	○ Elective(s)	(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.

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