

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DESIGNING A MORE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN FUTURE, OUR BLA PROGRAM MAY BE FOR YOU

BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture

WHAT IS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE?

Landscape architecture is concerned with creating and preserving outdoor spaces in order to improve and maintain a healthy and good quality of life for people, while ensuring the survival of the complex physical, cultural, and natural systems that make up our planet. Landscape architects are leaders in designing sustainable communities, restoring prairies, re-connecting city-dwellers with nature, adapting cities to climate change, protecting historic cultural features, and creating restorative environments that focus on human health and well-being. They are licensed professionals—just like other architects and engineers—to keep people safe.

OUR PROGRAM AND APPROACH

As a STEM major, the BLA program is designed for those who care deeply about our natural and built environment, and have a passion for blending the arts and sciences. The curriculum emphasizes collaborative design and place-making based on an understanding of ecological principles, artistic expression, societal needs, and cultural foundations.

Students come to us with diverse interests and skills ranging from art and design, ecology and plants, to cities and people, and leave with groundings in each. Many of the students who start in our program may have little to no drawing or design experience, and that is okay. Students will develop these skills throughout the program. To learn more about our admissions process and Four-Year Plan, please visit the [BLA Program webpage](#).

COMMON CAREER PATHS

- Climate & Environmental Design
- Cultural & Historic Preservation
- Ecological Restoration
- Park, Trail, & Greenway Design
- Site Construction Management
- Transportation Corridor Design
- Urban Design & Community Planning
- Visual Arts & Exhibit Design
- Waterfront Design & Planning

GET INVOLVED

- BLA mentorship program
- WI-ASLA Student Chapter
- National conferences
- Community service projects
- BLA scholarships and fellowships
- DPLA career fair
- Alumni networking events

