Landscape Architecture, BSLA

Do you want to help create sustainable cities and design vibrant healthy outdoor places that are environmentally and socially just? Learn the art and science of creative placemaking, address global concerns and work with local communities to create livable cities in the landscape architecture program at ASU.

Program Description

The BSLA program offers students the opportunity to engage with the community in applied projects that focus on designing sustainable outdoor environments and improving the ecological and social health of the urban environment.

Undergraduate landscape architecture projects can range from large-scale work encompassing urban design, landscape restoration, open space preservation planning, community planning and landscape ecological design to projects at the more intimate scale of a neighborhood park or residential backyard. Emerging areas of focus include creative placemaking; environmental equity, green roofs and living walls; restorative environments; sustainable design; and urban climate design. Students complement their design learning with electives from a broad range of approved courses.

Completion of the Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture provides the qualifications to take the Landscape Architect in Training examination leading to registration as a professional landscape architect. As the only undergraduate degree offered at The Design School which leads directly to professional registration and as an entry point to the profession, above average or higher performance is needed to be successful.

Students should see the BSLA major map for details on specific courses and semester curricula.

At a Glance

• College/School: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
• Location: Tempe campus

• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: No
• **First Required Math Course**: MAT 170 - Precalculus
• **Math Intensity**: Moderate

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

[2020 - 2021 Major Map](#)
[Major Map (Archives)](#)

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[Freshman](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

**Change of Major Requirements**

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute or one of its programs must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**
From the garden of Louis XIV in Versailles, France to the rock garden at Ryoan-ji Temple in Kyoto, Japan to the Piazza del Campo in Siena, Italy, study abroad provides the opportunity to view marvels of landscape
architecture up close and in person. Students gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career while earning ASU credit for completed courses and staying on track for graduation. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

The bachelor’s degree program is designed to prepare students for landscape architecture professional practice and advanced study at the graduate level. Graduates have found employment in nationally recognized firms working with notable landscape architects in large multinational firms or in public agencies. Alumni have also gone on to pursue advanced study at universities with distinguished graduate programs in landscape architecture and allied design fields.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment for landscape architects will grow 4% from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as the average for all occupations. The bureau also notes employers prefer hiring entry-level landscape architects with internship experience, to significantly reduce the amount of on-the-job training. The bachelor’s degree program has an internship requirement meant to address this preference and better prepare graduates for employment.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Chief Sustainability Officer*</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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