Landscape Architecture, BSLA

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 reclamation, open space preservation planning and landscape ecological design to projects at the more intimate scale of a neighborhood park or residential back yard. Emerging areas of focus include biotechnical design; urban agriculture; greenways, green roofs and living walls; and healing environments. Students complement their design learning with electives from a broad range of approved courses.

All students must pass a degree milestone at the end of the first year to continue in the major. For more information, students should visit https://design.asu.edu/resources/students/milestones.

This is an 8-semester program requiring sequential completion of studio coursework (or approved equivalent).

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)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

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://changingmajors.asu.edu/request 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 the Transfer Map search 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.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With more than 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. 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, and graduates have found employment in nationally recognized firms working with notable landscape architects in large multinational firms or in public agencies. Graduates have also gone on to pursue graduate 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 16 percent from 2010 to 2020, 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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* 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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