# Major|Modify_Curriculum for request 13329

## Info

**Request:** Modifications to the Master of Landscape Architecture curriculum
**Description of request:** The College of Design, Construction and Planning requests to modify the curriculum of the Master of Landscape Architecture with a major in Landscape Architecture. This modification will affect the thesis, project option, and combined attributes of the MLA.
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## Responses

**Major Name**
*Enter the name of the major. Example: "Mathematical Modeling"*

Response:
Landscape Architecture

**Major Code**
*Enter the two-letter or three-letter major code.*

Response:
LAE

**Degree Program Name**
*Enter the name of the degree program in which the major is offered.*

Response:
Master of Landscape Architecture

**Undergraduate Innovation Academy Program**
*Is this an undergraduate program in the Innovation Academy?*

Response:
No

**Effective Term**
*Enter the term (semester and year) that the curriculum change would be effective.*

Response:
Fall

**Effective Year**

Response:
2019

**Current Curriculum for Major**

Response:
The “Pre MLA” is for graduate students who do not have a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture. To gain the required background, these students take undergraduate levelling courses in their first year and then take the two years of graduate courses. These students are accepted into the graduate MLA program before they take any of these levelling courses. We have included the curriculum for the Pre MLA program as well as the MLA program below. Both routes lead to the same degree, the Master of Landscape Architecture.

Pre MLA Program Curriculum
First Summer
LAA 2360C Principles of Landscape Architecture, 5 credits
LAA 4362 Design Communications for Landscape Architects, 4 credits
LAA 2330 Site Analysis, 3 credits
HOS 5117C Horticultural Plant Morphology and Identification, 3 credits, letter graded

First Year
Fall Semester
LAA 3350C Site Design and Planning Studio, 5 credits
LAA 3420 Landscape Construction I, 5 credits
LAA 2710 History of Landscape Architecture, 3 credits

Spring Semester
LAA 3352C Planting Design Studio, 5 credits
LAA 3421 Landscape Construction II, 5 credits
LAA 2532 Landscape Management, 3 credits
LAA 6231 Landscape Architecture Theory, 3 credits, letter graded

Summer Options
Supervised Internship
LAA 6905 Directed Study, 1-3 credits (max 9), letter graded
LAA 6931 Water Conservation through Site Design and Green Roofs, 3 credits, letter graded
Study Abroad
Option to take URP 6270 Introduction to Planning Information Systems, 3 credits, letter graded, during Summer B

MLA Program Curriculum (This will either be the second year of study for the Pre MLA students or the first year for the MLA students who possess a landscape architecture background)
First Year
Fall Semester
LAA 6656C Advanced Landscape Architecture Design, 1-6 credits (max 18), letter graded
LAA 6382 Ecological and Environmental Policy, 3 credits, letter graded
URP 6270 Introduction to Planning Information Systems, 3 credits, letter graded

Spring Semester
LAA 6656C Advanced Landscape Architecture Design, 1-6 credits (max 18), letter graded
LAA 6525L Advanced Landscape Construction Design, 4 credits, letter graded
LAA 6342 Landscape Architecture Criticism, 3 credits, letter graded

Summer Options
Supervised Internship
LAA 6905 Directed Study, 1-3 credits (max 9), letter graded
LAA 6931 Water Conservation through Site Design and Green Roofs, 3 credits, letter graded
Study Abroad

Second Year
Fall Semester
LAA 6656C Advanced Landscape Architecture Design, 1-6 credits (max 18), letter graded

LAA 6979 Terminal Project, 1-6 credit, S/U graded (or LAA 6971 Research for Master's Thesis, 1-15 credits, S/U graded)

Spring Semester
LAA 6979 Terminal Project, 1-6 credit, S/U graded (or LAA 6971 Research for Master's Thesis, 1-15 credits, S/U graded)
LAA 6322 Project Management for Landscape Architects, 3 credits, letter graded
LAA 6941 Supervised Internship, 3 credits, S/U graded

**Proposed Curriculum Changes**
*Describe the proposed changes to the curriculum. If the change is to offer the program through UF Online, please explain and attach a letter of support from the Director of UF Online.*

Response:
1. Remove HOS 5117C Horticultural Plant Morphology and Identification (3 credits) as a required course in summer of year 1 for the Pre MLA, and offer it as an elective option in fall of year 1. This will help lessen the load in the students first semester.
2. Switch LAA 3350c Site Design & Planning (5 credits) from the fall of year 1 for the Pre MLA to the spring of year 1 and LAA 3352c Planting Design (5 credits) from the spring of year 1 for the Pre MLA to the fall of year 1. This allows for a better progression of complexity and scale of course material.
3. Delete LAA 6525L Advanced Landscape Construction Design (4 credits) as students already have two construction classes. Add a 3 credit elective.
4. Increase LAA 6322 Project Management from 3 credits to 4 credits to allow for increased course content - adding a leadership and team management module.
https://secure.aa.ufl.edu/Approval/reports/13522

**Pedagogical Rationale/Justification**
*Describe the rationale for the proposed changes to the curriculum.*

Response:
1. The proposed changes address recommendations made by our accreditation board to offer more electives in our Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) program. 2. Improve the sequence of courses for increasing complexity and scale of subject matter (e.g. switching LAA 3350C Site Design & Planning with LAA 3352C Planting Design).
3. Allows for increased in course content in LAA 6322 Project Management.

**Impact on Enrollment, Retention, Graduation**
*Describe any potential impact of the curriculum changes on students who are currently in the major.*

Response:
No impact.

**Assessment Data Review**
*Describe the Student Learning Outcome and/or program goal data that was reviewed to support the proposed changes.*

Response:
Offering more electives in our curriculum will allow us to better support Program Goal 3 by increasing opportunities for individual specialization.

**Academic Learning Compact and Academic Assessment Plan**

*Describe the modifications to the Academic Learning Compact (for undergraduate programs) and Academic Assessment Plan that result from the proposed change.*

Response:
No changes required.