



Master of Landscape Architecture

FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



Regenerate, beautify, and sustain our land for future generations.

As urban populations increase and demands on our environment grow with our cities, sustainability and resource-effectiveness are paramount.

Landscape architects play a critical role in determining the future of our communities and the environment we share. Beyond brownfield and greenfield, climate and light, hardscape and softscape, plants and texture, lies a world of opportunity for landscape architects to shape space through ecologically and place-driven sustainable design.



Master of Landscape Architecture at NewSchool of Architecture and Design

The expertise of today's landscape architect goes beyond the beautification of our living and working spaces. Landscape architects are concerned with ecological functioning, community well-being, and the potential to ensure that what we build and what we preserve will be available for future generations. The Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) program at NewSchool of Architecture and Design (NSAD) is guided by the principle that sustainability is inseparable from design theory and practice. Recognizing as well the inter-connection between landscape architects and other designers of the built environment, this program is closely linked to NSAD's well-established architecture program, providing direct collaboration with architecture students and faculty in courses on urban issues, architectural history and theory, and urban design.

NSAD's multi-faceted MLA program integrates a deep exploration of the theories and practices of landscape architecture and design with high-impact, hands-on studio work. Design studios are the foundation of the landscape architectural curriculum. Here students experiment with ideas and processes, and are challenged to find design strategies that can be both logical and poetic. As with our architecture programs, many students will actively participate in community-based landscape architecture projects in San Diego and throughout the region.



Landscape architecture is marked by constant change in trends and technology—a professional's ability to adapt is an essential predictor of success. At NSAD, most of our faculty members are practicing professionals with years of experience in the field. Students can benefit from their instructors' experience in creating thoughtful design solutions, maintaining client relations, and rising to the challenges of today's world.

The MLA program is also a convenient education option. Whether you want to apply your undergraduate studies within an environmentally and socially oriented profession, or you are a regionally based landscape architect or urban designer who wants to further your education, broaden your expertise, and increase your earning potential—NSAD may be for you. Most graduate classes are offered in the afternoon or evening, and you can begin the program when it best fits your life: fall, winter, spring, or summer.

Master of Landscape Architecture Curriculum at-a-Glance

A series of design studio courses, professional core requirements, and professional electives help establish the foundation for a career as a landscape architect. The MLA curriculum at NewSchool of Architecture and Design includes study of design principles; explores the relationships between site, systems, and landscape interventions; focuses on the juxtaposition of the urban-natural landscape and its impact on human experience; and examines the role of the landscape architect in urban design, land reclamation, and socially responsible design and planning.

Students may complete the program in as few as three years.*

STUDIO REQUIREMENTS

LA701	Studio: Design Process (6 cr.)
LA702	Studio: Urban Places (6 cr.)
LA703	Studio: Community and Ecology (6 cr.)
LA801	Studio: Urban Systems (6 cr.)
LA802	Studio: Land Reclamation (6 cr.)
LA803	Studio: Contract Documents (6 cr.)
LA901	Studio: Design Research (6 cr.)
LA902	Studio: Final Degree Studio or Thesis Project I (6 cr.)
LA903	Studio: Final Degree Studio or Thesis Project II (6 cr.)

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

LA721	Landscape Construction I: Topography, Surfaces, and Water (3 cr.)
LA722	Landscape Construction II: Objects, Enclosures, and Materiality (3 cr.)
LA731	Field Analysis (3 cr.)
LA732	Landscape Plants I: Urban Forest (3 cr.)
LA733	Landscape Plants II: California Native Plants (3 cr.)
LA741	Landscape Media I: Graphic Representation (3 cr.)
LA751	Contextual Inquiry I: A Tool Kit for Design Research (3 cr.)
LA761	Landscape Architectural History (3 cr.)
LA823	Landscape Construction Processes and Systems (3 cr.)
LA842	Landscape Media II: Digital Representation (3 cr.)
LA843	GIS for Environmental Design (3 cr.)
LA852	Contextual Inquiry II: The Practice of Design Research (3 cr.)
LA862	Environmental Ethics (3 cr.)
LA863	Contemporary Landscape Architectural History and Theory (3 cr.)
LA881	Urban Ecology (3 cr.)
LA951	Professional Practice (2 cr.)

PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVES

Professional Electives (18 cr.)

Note On Licensure

The Master of Landscape Architecture is not accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accrediting Board (LAAB) which is a requirement for licensure in some states. We encourage students to consult the appropriate state agency to determine specific requirements.

*Note: Time to completion may vary by student, depending on individual progress and credits transferred. For a personalized estimate of your time to completion, contact the Office of Admissions at 800-490-7081.



Promising Career Expectations

These are just some of the dynamic careers in the field of landscape architecture.

- + LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
- + URBAN AND COMMUNITY DESIGNER
- + PARK DESIGNER AND PLANNER
- + ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION SPECIALIST
- + URBAN ECOLOGIST
- + ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN CONSULTANT

The demand for landscape architects is projected to increase by 16 percent through 2016*.
U.S. News & World Report pronounced landscape architecture as one of the top 30 careers in 2009.
In 2008, *Outside* magazine called landscape architecture one of the 50 best jobs in the U.S.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor,
Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2009 Edition, Landscape Architects



Land Matters. Your Career Matters, Too.

If you want to play a part in building a beautiful, sustainable world, NSAD is a fantastic place to start. For more information and a graduate school admissions packet, call 800-490-7081 or visit newschoolarch.edu today.

Why NewSchool of Architecture and Design?

Like most NSAD students, you don't just want to learn architecture and design skills. Your goal is to help build a better world for the next generation.

To meet this challenge, NSAD offers what you may need to achieve this goal: A dynamic learning environment with training in classic and proven design principles that can serve as a springboard for your personal creative instincts and design vision.

Collaborative. Innovative. Experiential.

These principles are the foundation of the NSAD philosophy. Here, your studies will be practical and hands-on, challenging you to learn by doing. Our faculty members are working professionals and thought leaders with established records of achievement. In their daily work and in the classroom, these esteemed educator-practitioners demonstrate exactly what it takes to excel in the architecture and design industries.

Sustainability. Accessibility. Social Relevance.

Once considered "luxuries" for built environments and media, these ideas are built-in components of NSAD's architecture and design curricula. With a degree from NSAD, you'll be prepared to join the ranks of professionals at the leading edge of their fields who are transforming the world through the power of design.

Prime Location. Local Focus. Global Reach.

Located in sunny San Diego, Calif., NSAD is a highly desirable location for architecture and design students. You'll feel right at home in the heart of downtown, interacting with the city's renowned and inspiring architecture and design professionals who are working to expand the boundaries of the built environment locally and internationally. Plus, San Diego's border location means an international architecture and design perspective quite literally at NSAD's back door. Issues such as urban sprawl, demand for infrastructure investment, pressure on natural environments, an increasingly complicated urban-wild interface, water needs for cities and agriculture, specific problems of coastal developments, as well as political and ecological concerns that emerge from our shared border with Mexico, create a laboratory for experimentation and exploration of urban conditions, both now and into the future.

Success. Achievement. Purpose.

NSAD's mission is to develop technically competent, aesthetically sensitive, and socially conscious professionals prepared to work in a changing, global society. No doubt, that reflects your mission, too. You want your life's work to have purpose and meaning so you can rise to the growing challenges of our complex world. You'll also be glad to know that in 2007–2008, NSAD boasted an average 90%+ professional placement rate for architecture graduates—a track record bound to help you achieve your ambitions.*

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*NSAD 2006–2007 and 2007–2008 Consumer Fact Sheet

NewSchool of Architecture & Design is affiliated with *Laureate International Universities*, a global network of 45 institutions of higher learning with more than 100 campuses in 20 countries. Through this partnership, NSAD students have unprecedented access to study abroad programs, internships, and opportunities in Europe, Latin America, and Asia.

Accredited Member, ACICS.

NewSchool is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to offer institutional accreditation.

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted a 6-year, 3-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

NewSchool of Architecture and Design offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

B. Arch. (235 quarter undergraduate credits)

M. Arch. (pre-professional degree
+ 90 quarter graduate credits)

M. Arch. (non-pre-professional degree
+ 135 quarter credits)

M. Arch. (license +pre-professional degree
+ 45 quarter credits)

Next accreditation visit for all programs: 2010