

Master in Landscape Architecture

First Professional Degree Program

The following program of study outlines the required courses to be taken by all graduate students enrolled in the first-professional degree program. In addition to the courses below, you should refer to the four areas of emphasis offered by the Department as a guide to help you choose electives throughout your program. You must prepare a personalized program of study on the proper form (<http://www.usu.edu/gradsch/forms/MSpofs.cfm>) and submit it to the Department office by **April 15** of your first year.

FIRST YEAR – *concentrates on basic professional competency*

Fall Semester - required courses

LAEP 1200 4
Basic Graphics

LAEP 2600 4
Construction 1

LAEP 6270 5
Site Analysis

LAEP 6860 1
Faculty/Interdisciplinary Seminar
(runs both F and S semesters)

PS 2620 3
Woody Plants, Trees, Etc.

LAEP 6230 Landscape Arch. History 3
(6230 can be taken 2nd year to lower credit hours this semester)

Required semester credits 17-20

Spring Semester - required courses

LAEP 1350 4
Theory of Design

LAEP 2720 5
Site Planning & Design

LAEP 3610 4
Landscape Construction II

LAEP 6890 1
Thesis proposal

LAEP 1300 3
Computer Applications

Required semester credits 17

All graduate students are required to complete a 1 or 2 credit travel course (LAEP 6550 Travel Course; or LAEP 6900 Special Problems) within the 3 years of their degree. The travel requirement may be taken as part of the faculty-led international or national field study experience which changes venue from year to year, or it may be arranged through independent study outside of the bio-region by permission of the faculty.

SECOND YEAR - can begin to specialize in one or more competencies:

Fall Semester - required courses

LAEP 6310 Recreation & Open Space	5
or LAEP 6410 Redef. The Urban Land	5
or 4120/4130 Emerging Areas (by faculty approval)	2
LAEP 6230 Landscape Architectural History (if 6230 was not taken 1st year)	3
LAEP 6350 Planting Design for Sustainability	4
LAEP 6740 Planning Theory & Methods	3
LAEP 6910 Readings Seminar I	1
BIOL 6960 (Elective) Graduate General Ecology	3

Required semester credits 13-19

Additional credits should be added as electives from your chosen Emphasis Area

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester - required courses

LAEP 6100 (required) Regional Analysis & Planning	5
LAEP 6970 Option 1 Plan A Thesis	2
or LAEP 6960 Option 2 Plan B Terminal Project	2

Required semester credits 7

Additional credits should be added as electives from your chosen Emphasis Area

Spring Semester - required courses

LAEP 6320 Residential Plan & Design	5
or 4120/4130 Emerging Areas (by faculty approval)	2
LAEP 6750 Implement. & Regulatory Tech.	3
LAEP 6160/6170 Professional Practice 1 and 2	2
LAEP 6930 Readings Seminar II	1

Required semester credits 8-11

Additional credits should be added as electives from your chosen Emphasis Area

Spring Semester - required courses

LAEP 6110 (not required) Landscape Planning for Wildlife	3
LAEP 6970 Option 1 Plan A Thesis	4
or LAEP 6960 Option 2 Plan B Terminal Project	4

Required semester credits 7

Additional credits should be added as electives from your chosen Emphasis Area

**NOTE: Recommended electives are presented on the following Emphasis Area sheets. Selection of electives should be related to thesis or terminal project content and should be selected in consultation with your mentor and/or thesis/project committee. Specific elective coursework may be required by your thesis/project committee in order to properly prepare for your thesis or project work (Plan A, or B).