

## University of Minnesota Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Program Disclosure '23-'24

### Accreditation

The four-year first-professional Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) program at the University of Minnesota is not accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB). The BLA program has applied for candidacy status in spring of 2024 and will host an LAAB evaluation team in April 2024 to determine our candidacy status. If the program is approved for candidacy, the faculty intends to seek initial accreditation for the BLA in Fall of 2025.

### Program Mission

Landscape architecture is a STEM profession engaged in the design, planning, and management of outdoor environments. From urban parks, gardens, streetscapes, and plazas, to regional trail systems, community plans, and ecological reserves, Landscape Architects work across a range of scales and systems to address critical issues like climate change, public health, and social justice. The Bachelor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota is a professional degree program that prepares students for this field through diversified courses that include biological, physical, and social sciences and a rigorous design-based studio curriculum. Over the eight semester curriculum, students develop skills in creative and critical thinking, design process, representation, site analysis, and communication, and build a knowledge base in areas including landscape architectural history and theory, sustainability, climate resilience, and equity. Graduates of the program may enter professional practice in public, private, or non-profit sectors or pursue an advanced degree in landscape architecture or related disciplines like architecture and planning.

### Program Objectives/Goals

The BLA focuses on building skills and knowledge to create, plan, and preserve landscapes for human and more-than-human use, ecological function, and climate resilience. The studio curriculum emphasizes the deep study of varied sites and the iterative development of designs through an understanding of ecological and physical change over time. Students that are well-versed in the knowledge acquired through the breadth of courses required by the program and well-practiced in the design methods emphasized in the studio sequence will be equipped to deal with the complex challenges facing urban, suburban, and rural environments and lead the profession into the future.

### Estimated Cost of Attendance (2023-2024)

The information below is summarized from the information provided on The University of Minnesota's Costs, tuition, & fees webpage (<https://onestop.umn.edu/finances/costs/cost-attendance>) as of March 2024. The tuition rate is the same for all undergraduates and does not vary by college of enrollment. A degree-seeking undergraduate student taking 13 or more credits will be charged at the flat-rate tuition. Any credits beyond 13 are available at no additional charge. A student taking fewer than 13 credits will be charged per credit.

#### Resident Cost

Expense category	Living with family	Living in dorm or apartment
Tuition and fees	\$16,654.00	\$16,654.00
Books, course materials, supplies, equipment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Housing and food	\$4,840.00	\$13,028.00

<b>Expense category</b>	<b>Living with family</b>	<b>Living in dorm or apartment</b>
Transportation	\$200.00	\$200.00
Personal, misc.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Loan fees	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>Total (fall and spring)</b>	<b>\$24,844.00</b>	<b>\$33,032.00</b>

### **Nonresident Cost**

<b>Expense category</b>	<b>Living in dorm or apartment</b>
Tuition and fees	\$36,568.00
Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment	\$1,000.00
Housing and food	\$13,028.00
Transportation	\$1,700.00
Personal, misc.	\$2,000.00
Loan fees	\$150.00
<b>Total (fall and spring)</b>	<b>\$54,446.00</b>

### **Cost of Materials and Equipment**

BLA majors typically purchase a laptop and utilize computers and printing labs provided by the College and University. Some of the printing services have costs associated with them. For more information about these costs and resources, please see the College of Design's Computer Labs FAQ's web page, <https://design.umn.edu/students/facilities-maker-spaces/computer-labs-printing/computer-labs-faqs>.

BLA majors also frequently utilize the College of Design's Fabrication Labs and the associated Fab Store for model making and fabrication materials. The labs are free to use but the materials typically have costs associated with them. Students purchase these using their student accounts. For more information on the fabrication resources and costs, see the Fab Lab's web page, <https://design.umn.edu/designfab>.

### **Costs of Supplemental and Experiential Learning**

BLA students are encouraged to attend the yearly ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture and the student led LABASH Conference. These international conferences are held at various locations throughout North America each year. The Landscape Architecture programs have a fund to support student travel for these events each year. The exact cost for each event varies, depending on the location and mode of travel and lodging. The University limits reimbursements to non-employees to \$599 maximum per event for costs students may incur. The department has been able to supplement that limit by securing lodging and/or vehicular rentals when possible.

A few required courses have associated field trips/workshops associated with them. These courses typically will charge a course fee to cover the costs of these trips which is charged to each student registered in the class. This is billed in each student's semester University Bill. These course fees vary from \$50-150.

### **Financial Support for Undergraduates**

There are numerous financial supports for undergraduate students. These fall into five categories; scholarships, loans, grants/waivers, work study/student employment, and student emergency funds.

Extensive details about each of these supports are available at one stop student services financial aid web page, <https://onestop.umn.edu/finances/types-financial-aid/scholarships>.

In addition, the Landscape Architecture program has dedicated scholarship funds available for undergraduate majors. Please see a description of these scholarship funds at <https://design.umn.edu/students/undergraduate/funding-your-education/undergraduate-scholarships>

### Student Retention and Graduation Rates

The BLA program's first graduating class will matriculate in spring of 2024. We will update this data once we have graduates.

### Student Major Numbers and Demographics

		2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Term Enrollment Status	Academic Plan	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
Enrolled	Landscape Architecture B L A	15	29	52
<b>Distinct Enrolled Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>

		2021 - 2022		2022 - 2023		2023 - 2024	
		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
Academic Plan	Legal Sex	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count
Landscape Architecture B L A	Female	60.00%	9	55.20%	16	53.80%	28
	Male	40.00%	6	44.80%	13	46.20%	24

		2021 - 2022		2022 - 2023		2023 - 2024	
		Fall 2021		Fall 2022		Fall 2023	
Academic Plan	Ethnicity (Institutional/U.S. Nonresident Calculation) Description	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count
Landscape Architecture B L A	Asian	6.70%	1	6.90%	2	7.70%	4
	Black/African American	6.70%	1	6.90%	2	7.70%	4
	Hispanic/Latino	0%	0	0%	0	9.60%	5
	Not Specified	6.70%	1	3.40%	1	3.80%	2
	White	80.00%	12	82.80%	24	71.20%	37

**Enrolled Percentage by Legal Sex by Plan:**

"Legal Sex": The designation of sex on legal documents. An individual's sex might differ from their sex assigned at birth (if, for example, legal steps have been taken to change the individual's sex) and/or from their gender identity.

Note: Values are limited to 'Male', 'Female' and 'Unknown'.

**Enrolled Percentage by Ethnicity by Plan:**

"Ethnicity (Institutional Calculation)": A person's ethnicity for internal reporting is based on a set of criteria in order to report a single value for each individual, regardless of citizenship status.

**Post Graduation Employment Data**

The BLA program's first graduating class will matriculate in spring of 2024. We will update this data once we have graduates.

**Number of Licensed Faculty**

There are currently two full time faculty (out of 8) that hold professional licenses as landscape architects. There are three additional part-time, adjunct faculty (out of 10) that hold professional licenses as landscape architects.

**Licensure Disclosure**

In accordance with the Higher Education Act, the University of Minnesota's Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Program does not meet the educational requirements for licensure in each State of the United States of America. This is due to our pending accreditation status as a new program.