

Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning

Master of Landscape Architecture

(Incorporating the Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture as an exit point)

1 Background

ABP is launching the Graduate School of the Built Environment in 2008. The core of the Graduate School will be five professional masters programs, consistent with the Melbourne Model. One of these will be the revised Master of Landscape Architecture. The revised MLArch is proposed as one of the five key professional masters courses in the Graduate School of the Built Environment. It ensures that landscape architecture studies and accreditation conform with the 3+2 Melbourne Model. Landscape Architecture is not commonly taught as a postgraduate accredited program in Australia, but is in Europe and North America. The existing accredited Master of Landscape Architecture has demonstrated a strong demand for such a qualification (over 90 existing students).

Graduates of the MLArch will have completed their academic requirements for membership of:

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
International Federation of Landscape Architects

2 Course/Program Objectives

The Master of Landscape Architecture aims to:

- offer education which enables students to become specialists in emerging areas of professional endeavour, such as sustainability, cultural diversity and global practice;
- enable students to explore interdisciplinary practice in an educational environment;
- offer academic opportunities which give access to excellence in education, research, design and theory in landscape architecture and related disciplines;
- contribute to the professional understanding of related professional domains in the environment, technology, urban planning, urban design, etc.;
- teach landscape architecture as an intellectual and professional endeavour which embodies a commitment to the continuing health and well-being of the environment and of human life; and
- provide a vehicle to meet the continuing professional development requirements of the landscape architecture profession in Australia and internationally.

3 Entry Requirements

To be separately recommended by Academic Board.

4 Statement of how the course allows students to achieve the University of Melbourne Graduate Attributes and how it meets the statement of Expectations of a Professional Masters

The MLArch has been specifically designed around the University of Melbourne postgraduate coursework graduate attributes and the requirements of professional associations. The program will undergo a regular review process for quality assurance. The MLArch will incorporate research-led teaching, problem-based collaborative learning, professional engagement, and a diverse mature cohort. Graduates of MLArch will have high level professional and intellectual capabilities enabling them to demonstrate leadership, a commitment to life-long learning, and professional integrity.

5 Course/Program Structure

Master of Landscape Architecture (200 points)

For students entering with a Bachelor of Environments (Landscape Architecture), or equivalent:

CORE subjects (175pts):

*4XX Landscape Masters Studio 1	25pts Sem 1
*5XX Landscape Masters Studio 2	25pts Sem 2
**705-664 Landscape Masters Studio 3	25pts Sem 1
**705-667 Landscape Masters Studio 4	25pts Sem 2
**705-695 Advanced Landscape Technology	12.5pts Sem 1
*4XX Advanced Planting Design	12.5pts Sem 2
**705-629 Landscape Practice	12.5pts Sem 1
*5XX Consultation and Decision-Making	12.5pts Sem 2
OR	
*5XX Building Urban Ecology (2)	12.5pts Sem 2
*4XX The Modern Landscape	12.5pts Sem 1
OR	
**705-676 Landscape Heritage and Conservation	12.5pts Sem 1
**705-630 Reading Landscapes	12.5pts Sem 2
OR	
*4XX Indigenous Perspectives of Landscapes	12.5pts Sem 2

Course structure may be varied with the permission of the course coordinator.

*New subject.

**Revised subject.

Students select 25pts of ELECTIVES from subjects offered in the GSBE, or from graduate subjects in other faculties with the approval of the course coordinator.

Master of Landscape Architecture (300 points)

For students entering without a Bachelor of Environments (Landscape Architecture), or equivalent:

CORE subjects (275pts):

*4XX Landscape Architecture Skills (PGrad)	25pts Sem 1
*4XX Site Planning and Design (PGrad)	25pts Sem 2
*3XX Site Tectonics	12.5pts Sem 1
*2XX History of Designed Landscape	12.5pts Sem 2
Two of: *2XX Designing with Plants	12.5pts Sem 1 and 2
*702-208 Digital Design Modelling	12.5pts Sem 1
*5XX Building Urban Ecology (1)	12.5pts Sem 2
*4XX Landscape Masters Studio 1	25pts Sem 1
*5XX Landscape Masters Studio 2	25pts Sem 2
**705-664 Landscape Masters Studio 3	25pts Sem 1
**705-667 Landscape Masters Studio 4	25pts Sem 2
**705-695 Advanced Landscape Technology	12.5pts Sem 1
*4XX Advanced Planting Design	12.5pts Sem 2
**705-629 Landscape Practice	12.5pts Sem 1
*5XX Consultation and Decision-Making	12.5pts Sem 2
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*5XX Building Urban Ecology (2)	12.5pts Sem 2
*4XX The Modern Landscape	12.5pts Sem 1
OR	
**705-676 Landscape Heritage and Conservation	12.5pts Sem 1
**705-630 Reading Landscapes	12.5pts Sem 2

OR

*4XX Indigenous Perspectives of Landscapes

12.5pts Sem 2

Course structure may be varied with the permission of the course coordinator.

*New subject.

**Revised subject.

Students select 25pts of ELECTIVES from subjects offered in the GSBE, or from graduate subjects in other faculties with the approval of the course coordinator.

NB: Students with a horticulture background should not take 'Designing with Plants'. Students with an architecture or design background may be eligible for 50 points credit and do not need to take 'Landscape Architecture Skills' or 'Digital Design Modelling'.

Exit Award

Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture after the first 100 points of the 200-point MLArch (second 100 points of the 300-point MLArch) (non accredited). The Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture provides students with more advanced knowledge of design and theory in landscape architecture.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture aims to offer academic opportunities for the study of landscape architecture at a basic level in graduate mode.

The exit awards will not be promoted and will only be available to students who are unable to complete the full masters degrees for one reason or another.

Structure of program

Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture

Students must complete 100 points of MLArch subjects, including the following:

50 points of studio subjects (from Landscape Masters Studios A, B, C and D)

12.5 points of history/theory subjects

6 Availability of Course

The program will be available from 2008 on a full-time and part-time basis, and will be offered to CSP students, fee-paying international students and fee-paying Australian students.