LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
Education and Testing

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Landscape architecture encompasses the analysis, planning, design, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environment. Ensuring public, health, safety, and welfare in the practice of landscape architecture starts with a rigorous education. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) knowledge is at the core of the professional practice of landscape architecture. The application of this knowledge leads to the creation of functional and forward-thinking public and private spaces that protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. Landscape architects train in site design, land planning, and technical and scientific areas such as grading, drainage, stormwater management, horticulture, and environmental sciences; all are associated with health, qualify of life, economic growth, and social justice.

The professional education curriculum includes:
- design processes and methodology
- systems and processes, natural and cultural (related to design, planning, and management)
- communication and documentation
- implementation
- computer applications and advanced technologies
- assessment and evaluation
- professional practice
- history, theory, philosophy, principles, and values
- research and scholarly methods

The Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE) is the professional licensing exam that tests an individual's knowledge, skills, and abilities that directly relate to the protection of public health, safety, and welfare. A candidate for licensure must pass all four parts of the exam.

Section 1: Project and Construction Management
Section 2: Inventory and Analysis
Section 3: Design
Section 4: Grading, Drainage and Construction Documentation

ELEMENTS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE	HEALTH	SAFETY	WELFARE	LARE EXAM
Security & Safety	•	•	•	•
Stormwater Management	•	•		•
Grading & Drainage	•	•		•
Erosion & Sediment Controls	•	•	•	•
Streetscape & Landscape Design	•	•	•	•
Barrier Design (i.e. railings & fencing)		•	•	•
Site Lighting Design		•	•	•
Pedestrian & Vehicular Circulation Design	•	•	•	•
Public, Residential, Commercial & Industrial Land Planning	•	•	•	•
Preserving & Improving Historic & Cultural Landscapes	•	•	•	

There are 96 accredited landscape architecture programs at 69 institutions across the country and in Puerto Rico. Standards, rules, and procedures for accreditation are established by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board, which evaluates each program on the basis of its stated objectives and compliance to externally mandated minimum standards.

PROGRAM	TYPE	PROGRAM	TYPE
Arizona State University	BSLA	Texas Tech University	BLA
Arizona State University	MLA	Texas Tech University	MLA
Auburn University	MLA	The City College of New York	MLA
Ball State University	BLA	The University of Texas, Arlington	MLA
Ball State University	MLA	University of Arizona	MLA
Boston Architectural College	BLA	University of Arkansas	BLA
Boston Architectural College	MLA	University of California, Berkeley	MLA
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	BLA	University of California, Davis	BSLA
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	BLA	University of Colorado, Denver	MLA
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	MLA	University of Connecticut	BSLA
Clemson University	BLA	University of Florida	BLA
Clemson University	MLA	University of Florida	MLA
Colorado State University	BSLA	University of Georgia	BLA
Cornell University	BS	University of Georgia	MLA
Cornell University	MLA	University of Idaho	MLA
Florida International University	MLA	University of Illinois	BLA
Harvard University	MLA	University of Illinois	MLA
Illinois Institute of Technology	MLA	University of Kentucky	BSLA
Iowa State University	BLA	University of Maryland	BLA
Iowa State University	MLA	University of Maryland	MLA
Kansas State University	MLA	University of Massachusetts	BSLA
Louisiana State University	BLA	University of Massachusetts	MLA
Louisiana State University	MLA	University of Michigan	MLA
Michigan State University	BLA	University of Minnesota	MLA
Mississippi State University	BLA	University of Nebraska	BLA
Mississippi State University	MLA	University of Nevada	BLA
Morgan State University	MLA	University of New Mexico	MLA
North Carolina A&T State University	BSLA	University of Oklahoma	MLA
North Carolina State University	BLA	University of Oregon	BLA
North Carolina State University	MLA	University of Oregon	MLA
North Dakota State University	BLA	University of Pennsylvania	MLA
Ohio State University	BSLA	University of Rhode Island	BLA
Ohio State University	MLA	University of Southern California	MLA
Oklahoma State University	BLA	University of Tennessee	MLA
Pennsylvania State University	BLA	University of Texas, Austin	MLA
Pennsylvania State University	MLA	University of Virginia	MLA
Philadelphia University	BLA	University of Washington	BLA
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico	MLA	University of Washington	MLA
Purdue University	BSLA	University of Wisconsin, Madison	BSLA
Rhode Island School of Design	MLA	Utah State University	BLA
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	BS	Utah State University	MLA
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	MLA	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	BLA
State University of New York	BLA	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	MLA
State University of New York	MLA	Washington State University	BLA
Temple University	BLA	Washington University	MLA
Temple University	MLA	West Virginia University	BSLA
Texas A&M University	BLA	West Virginia University	MLA
Texas A&M University	MLA		