LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

The Certificate in Landscape Architecture provides an overview of the foundational knowledge and skills for students and practitioners who want to more fully engage landscape practices. The certificate will provide the foundation to understand and design landscape as a tool for meaningful cultural, social, and environmental change. Upon successful completion of the course sequence students will graduate with a highly valuable skillset and knowledge.

The Certificate in Landscape Architecture will provide students and professionals with the intellectual and practical skills necessary to bring critical landscape practice to a broad range of fields from design fields to geography, engineering, and the humanities among others. The course content will merge theoretical inquiry with skill-based learning to provide a solid foundation.

Admissions

Application to the Certificate in Landscape Architecture is open to all students holding a completed bachelor's degree, or who are currently pursuing or have completed a master's degree. Students currently pursuing a non-landscape architecture master's program in the College of Architecture & Planning (CAP) are admitted on an automatic basis.

All interested program participants must complete one of the online application forms found on the CAP website (https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/academics/certificate-programs/#ac-admissions-2). Failure to submit an official application may result in the inability for CAP to officially award the certificate upon student completion.

Materials Required for Non-CAP Graduate Students and Non-Degree Seeking Students:

- A brief statement of interest (500-word max.)
- Professional resume
- College transcripts (only needed for non-degree seeking applicants)
- One letter of recommendation
- A portfolio submission is highly recommended but not required

CURRENT MLA STUDENTS

Students who are (1) currently active in the CU Denver Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) program, and (2) intend to complete the MLA program are ineligible for the Certificate in Landscape Architecture. Current MLA students who wish to transfer from the masters program to the certificate program should contact their academic advisor to discuss this option further.

Certificate Requirements

GPA Requirements:

Students must make a B- or higher in all required coursework for the certificate and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA in the curriculum to be eligible for the certificate conferment.

Curriculum Requirements (18 Hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Fall Courses		
LDAR 5510	Graphic Media in Landscape Architecture	3
LDAR 5521	History of Landscape Architecture	3
LDAR 5572	Ecology for Landscape Architects	3
Spring Courses		
LDAR 5501	Landscape Architecture Design Studio 1	3
LDAR 6630	Site, Society and Environment	3
LDAR 6620	Landscape Architecture Theory and Criticism	3
Total Hours		**18**

Reduced Curriculum Requirements for MArch/MUD Students (15 Hours)

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Fall Courses		
LDAR 5521	History of Landscape Architecture	3
LDAR 5572	Ecology for Landscape Architects	3
Spring Courses		
LDAR 6630	Site, Society and Environment	3
LDAR 6620	Landscape Architecture Theory and Criticism	3
Any Semester		
3 hours of LDAR elective		3
Total Hours		**15**

Students successfully completing the courses in the required curriculum for the certificate will acquire:

- Basic tools and skills for communication and visualization (Graphic Media and Studio 1)
- Knowledge and skills in the foundations of landscape architectural design process (Graphic Media and Studio 1)
- Knowledge and skills in the fundamentals of landscape architecture as a socially and culturally embedded practices (Site, Society and Environment)
- Applicable knowledge in the historical development, methods and fundamentals of landscape architecture (History of Landscape Architecture)
- Knowledge and skills in fundamental principles, values and design practices in the theory of landscape and landscape architecture (Theory)