

Landscape Architecture

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
February 1 for fall semester, portfolio required
- **Credential Offered:**
Master of Landscape Architecture
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL ibt 80; IELTS 6.5; Duolingo 105

North Dakota State University (NDSU) offers a 5-year LAAB accredited, first-professional Master of Landscape Architecture degree. The department and program are housed primarily in two beautifully restored historic industrial buildings in downtown Fargo, which has emerged as an exciting, student-oriented urban district. Most students entering the graduate program in landscape architecture come directly from the NDSU pre-professional Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design program or apply after completing Professional Design Degrees from other accredited Universities. The curriculum includes field trips to cities nationwide and is supported by a professionally staffed wood shop, multiple digital media labs, laser cutter, 3D printing, and model-making rooms. Both traditional and digital media used in professional practice are emphasized. An optional semester abroad, plus foreign study tours during summers are offered.

In the United States, most registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure.

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit professional degree programs in landscape architecture offered by institutions with U.S. has a mission to evaluate, advocate for, and advance the quality of education in professional program leading to a degree in landscape architecture.

Career Opportunities

The profession of landscape architecture is one of only 60 professions to be licensed in all 50 states, and is projected to continue growing for the next 10-20 years. Landscape architects work for professional design firms, government agencies like the National Park Service, city planning offices and other multi-disciplinary offices in the architecture and engineering fields. With their unique skill set, landscape architects work to improve human and environmental health in all communities. They plan and design parks, campuses, streetscapes, trails, plazas, residences, and other projects that strengthen communities.

Admission Requirements

- Students currently enrolled in the 4-year pre-professional degree at NDSU may apply to the Master of Landscape Architecture program.
- Transfer students with pre-professional or professional degrees in landscape architecture or architecture from another school may be considered for admission to years 4 and 5 in the program, based on test scores, GPA, and portfolio review. Transfer students should contact the department directly before application to the Graduate School.
- Candidates must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for full-standing admission.