

Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Urban Design to Master of Landscape Architecture Fast Track

About This Program

Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Urban Design Fast Track will enable outstanding senior undergraduate Sustainable Urban Design (BS.SUD) students to satisfy degree requirements leading to the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree while completing their undergraduate studies. This degree is designed for students who plan to work in the landscape architecture and sustainability sectors.

Sustainable Urban Design (SUD) will take the specified twelve credit hours of advanced LARC undergraduate courses (3000- or 4000 level courses) and the specified nine hours graduate LARC courses (5000 level courses) that will earn credit toward both the bachelor's degree in Sustainable Urban Design and the master's degree in Landscape Architecture. It is designed to encourage high standards of performance, to facilitate the transition from undergraduate to graduate study, and to reduce time needed to complete the MLA.

Those who successfully complete the BS SUD to MLA Fast Track program will be automatically admitted to the Graduate School. They will not be required to take any qualifying test, complete an application for admission to the Graduate School, arrange for letters of reference, or pay an application fee. This enables students to complete their MLA degree in a shorter time period.

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

For detailed information about the programs associated with this Fast Track, refer to their individual degree pages.

[Sustainable Urban Design BS \(https://catalog.uta.edu/cappa/landscape/undergraduate/sustainable-urban-design-bs/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/cappa/landscape/undergraduate/sustainable-urban-design-bs/)

[Landscape Architecture M \(Advanced Standing\) \(https://catalog.uta.edu/cappa/landscape/graduate/landscape-arch-advanced-standing-master/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/cappa/landscape/graduate/landscape-arch-advanced-standing-master/)

Admissions Criteria

Undergraduate students apply to the Department of Landscape Architecture by completing a fast track application major declaration form available from the CAPPA academic advisor. Students will be notified by the Department of their acceptance into the fast track program.

UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION

1. The student must be within 55 hours of completing a BS in Sustainable Urban Design at UTA.
2. The student must have completed 30 hours of coursework at UTA.
3. The student must have an overall GPA of at least 3.3 in all coursework within their major and an overall GPA of at least 3.3 in all coursework completed at UTA.
4. The student must have a combined GPA of at least 3.3 in UDES 2442 and UDES 2551.

ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

For automatic admission to the MLA, students must complete the following Landscape Architecture courses prior to receiving their bachelor's degree with at least a B in each course:

- LARC 5312
- LARC 5313
- LARC 5341

Curriculum

Foundations

[General Core Requirements \(https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree/requirements/general/core/requirements/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree/requirements/general/core/requirements/)

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Students must complete specific courses in certain core areas.

For Communication select:

ENGL 1301	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I
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For Creative Arts select:

Another Communications class

ARCH 1301	INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
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For Language, Philosophy & Culture select:

GLOBAL 2301	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL ISSUES
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For Life & Physical Sciences select 2 from the following: ²

BIOL 1334	BIOLOGY II FOR NON-SCIENCE MAJORS
ENVR 1301	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
GEOL 1330	GLOBAL WARMING
GEOL 1301	EARTH SYSTEMS
GEOL 1340	WEATHER AND CLIMATE
GEOL 1360	NATURAL DISASTERS AND HAZARDS
PHYS 1351	ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

For Mathematics select:

MATH 1303	TRIGONOMETRY
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For Component Area Option (2 courses required):

MATH 1301	CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS
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Any other approved core course

Sustainable Urban Design Foundations (Basic Studies)

UDES 1101 or UNIV-AR 1131	ACADEMIC SUCCESS SKILLS IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN DESIGN STUDENT SUCCESS	1
UDES 1301	INTRODUCTION TO PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN DESIGN	3
UDES 1304	DIGITAL METHODS IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN DESIGN	3
UDES 1341	DESIGN COMMUNICATIONS	3
UDES 2441	URBAN DIAGRAMMING AND COMMUNICATION I	4
UDES 2442	URBAN DIAGRAMMING AND COMMUNICATION II	4
UDES 2551	URBAN DESIGN STUDIO I: URBAN RESILIENCY	5

Sustainable Urban Design Specialization (Major Studies)

UDES 3303	HISTORY OF URBAN DESIGN, FORM, AND INFRASTRUCTURE	3
UDES 3552	URBAN DESIGN STUDIO II: MOBILITY	5
UDES 4304	URBAN SUSTAINABILITY CAPSTONE PREP	3
UDES 4404	URBAN SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT CAPSTONE	4
UDES 4551	URBAN DESIGN STUDIO III: CLIMATE CHANGE	5
UDES 4552	URBAN DESIGN STUDIO IV: ADVANCED SUSTAINABLE URBAN DESIGN	5

Sustainability Specialization

Landscape Architecture		
LARC 4300	INTRODUCTION TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	3
LARC 4324	ENVIRONMENTAL ART AND DATA VISUALIZATION	3
LARC 4326	DESIGN AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR	3
Planning		
PLAN 4320	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	3
PLAN 4356	INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3
PLAN 4357	INTERMEDIATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3
Public Affairs		
PAPP 4307	URBAN GEOGRAPHY	3

For the fast track select:

LARC 4301	SITE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES	3
LARC 5312	HISTORY AND THEORY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	3
LARC 5313	HISTORY AND THEORY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE II	3
LARC 5341	LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY I	3

MLA (Advanced Standing)

Foundations		
LARC 5320	COMMUNICATIONS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS	3
LARC 5330	PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND ECOLOGY	3
LARC 5331	PLANTING DESIGN	3
LARC 5342	LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY II	3
LARC 5368	DESIGN PRACTICUM	3
LARC 5380	RESEARCH METHODS IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	3

LARC 5397	THESIS PREP	3
LARC 5663	DESIGN STUDIO III: SITE PLANNING	6
LARC 5664	DESIGN STUDIO IV: ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING	6
LARC 5665	DESIGN STUDIO V: THE URBAN LANDSCAPE	6
Complete MLA electives and thesis per catalog		9
Total Hours		171

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

First Year

	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
	UDES 1101		1 Communication	3
	ARCH 1301		3 Government/Political Science	3
	ENGL 1301		3 MATH 1303	3
	MATH 1301		3 UDES 1304	3
	UDES 1301		3 UDES 2441	4
	UDES 1341		3	
	16		16	

Second Year

	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
	GLOBAL 2301		3 UDES 2551	5
	PLAN 4356		3 Government/Political Science	3
	UDES 2442		4 Life & Physical Sciences	3
	US History (part 1)		3 Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
	Life & Physical Sciences		3 US History (part 2)	3
	16		17	

Third Year

	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
	LARC 4300		3 PAPP 4307	3
	LARC 4324		3 PLAN 4357	3
	UDES 3552		5 UDES 3303	3
	LARC 4312 (SUD Fast Track Elective)		3 UDES 4551	5
			LARC 4313 (SUD Fast Track Elective)	3
	14		17	

Fourth Year

Summer Semester	Hours	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
LARC 4351 (SUD Fast Track Elective)	3	UDES 4304		3 LARC 4326	3
PLAN 4320	3	UDES 4552		5 UDES 4404	4
		LARC 4301 (SUD Fast Track Elective)		3 LARC 5331 (MLA Fast Track Course)	3
		LARC 5330 (MLA Fast Track Course)		3 LARC 5342 (MLA Fast Track Course)	3
		Core Component Option		3	
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Total Hours: 132

Program Completion

GOOD STANDING

In order to remain in the Fast Track program, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Students must maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 and must earn grades of B or better in all Fast Track-approved graduate courses that will be used to satisfy undergraduate and graduate degree requirements of the Fast Track program.
2. Students must enroll in the four listed graduate Landscape Architecture graduate courses prior to receiving their bachelor's degree, and receive at least a B in each course.

Students who, at any time, do not meet these requirements will be obliged to leave the fast track program. Any graduate credits earned will not be applied to the undergraduate degree, and none of the other benefits of participation in the fast track program will apply. They may apply to the MLA program as a regular student after receiving their BS.

For more information about the Sustainable Urban Design BS to MLA to MLA Fast Track, please contact the Director in the Department of Landscape Architecture.

Advising Resources

The College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs (CAPPA) at UT Arlington equips students with skills and knowledge to address real-world challenges in design, public policy, and research. Our Advising Office supports academic and career success. Explore our Future Students page to connect with an Academic Advisor and shape your future.

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General advising (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/cappa/general-advising/>)

Future students (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/cappa/admissions/>)