

# Landscape Architecture, **BSLA**

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Do you want to help create sustainable cities and design vibrant, healthy outdoor places that are environmentally and socially just? Learn the art, science and technology of designing creative placemaking, address global concerns, and work with local communities to create livable, just, healthy, sustainable and resilient cities and communities.

## Program description

The BSLA program at The Design School is an [accredited undergraduate professional degree](#) that provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become a professional landscape architect. The program leverages the Phoenix metro area as a learning laboratory and offers students the opportunity to engage with the community in applied projects that focus on designing socially and environmentally sustainable outdoor environments in order to improve the ecological and social health of the urban environment.


Undergraduate landscape architecture projects can range from large-scale work encompassing urban design, landscape restoration, open space preservation planning, community planning and landscape ecological design to projects at the more intimate scale of a neighborhood park or residential backyard. Emerging areas of focus include creative placemaking; environmental equity, green roofs and living walls; restorative environments; sustainable design; and urban climate design.

Graduates have the qualifications to sit for the Landscape Architect in Training examination, which leads to registration as a professional landscape architect.

The Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)

- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 170 - Precalculus
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

## Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

## Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Admission requirements

### General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Change of Major Requirements

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute or one of its programs must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

## Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience

for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

## Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Examine design creative process through theory and research articles measured through the final assignment.
- Apply professional skills including drafting, collaboration, and technical proficiencies appropriate for existing landscape analysis and new design proposals.
- Transform an original landscape design concept into a project that demonstrates creative, technical, & communication skills.

## Global opportunities

### Global experience

Study abroad provides students the opportunity to view marvels of landscape architecture up close and in person. With more than 300 options available, [Global Education programs](#) enable students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Whether the program is in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, students in landscape architecture are exposed to unique and diverse cultural environments and expand their knowledge and skills in design and related disciplines. Students gain a global perspective and knowledge in preparation for a future-focused career while earning ASU credit for completed courses and staying on track for graduation.

The Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in landscape architecture.

## Career opportunities

The bachelor's degree program is designed to prepare students for landscape architecture professional practice and advanced study at the graduate level. Graduates have found employment in nationally recognized firms working with notable landscape architects in large multinational firms or in public agencies. Alumni have also gone on to pursue advanced study at universities with distinguished graduate programs in landscape architecture and allied design fields.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment for landscape architects to grow 4% between 2018 and 2028 --- about as fast as the average for all occupations. The bureau also notes that employers

prefer hiring entry-level landscape architects with internship experience to significantly reduce the amount of on-the-job training. The bachelor's degree program has an internship requirement meant to address this preference and better prepare graduates for employment.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

| Career  | *Growth | *Median salary |
|---|---------|----------------|
| <u><b>Chief Sustainability Officer</b></u>        |         | \$189,520      |
| <u><b>Commercial Real Estate Associate</b></u> ☀️ | 5.4%    | \$60,670       |
| <u><b>Construction Manager</b></u> ☀️             | 4.5%    | \$101,480      |
| <u><b>Environmental Sciences Professor</b></u>    | 4.2%    | \$83,040       |
| <u><b>Landscape Architect</b></u>                 | 0.7%    | \$73,210       |
| <u><b>Park Ranger</b></u>                         | 4.1%    | \$64,460       |
| <u><b>Sustainability Specialist</b></u> ☀️        | 4.1%    | \$75,990       |
| <u><b>Urban Planner</b></u>                       | 3.7%    | \$79,540       |

\* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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## Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

Graduates of this program have the qualifications to sit for the Landscape Architect in Training examination, which leads to registration as a professional landscape architect. For detailed information on licensure requirements, students review the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards requirements at <https://www.clarb.org/>.

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