Sustainability is at the core of the University of Michigan’s Landscape Architecture program. Embedded within the interdisciplinary School of Natural Resources and Environment, this field of study offers the ideal context for training change-driven leaders in ecological design.

Here, you will learn to authentically employ ecological principles in environmentally responsible design—from the center of redeveloping cities to changing rural landscapes. Aesthetic theory, cultural engagement, ecological function, and environmental justice all figure prominently in the program, which dynamically evolves in response to new knowledge in the environmental sciences.

Graduates of the Landscape Architecture program are known for their ability to synthesize information about ecological processes, human behavior, institutions, and urban patterns to create sustainable landscapes that work aesthetically, ecologically, socially, and economically.

“The Landscape Architecture field of study allows me to explore many different disciplines: design, art, horticulture, urban planning, engineering, policy, and sustainability. SNRE is unique for its dynamic, interdisciplinary atmosphere in which I am surrounded by colleagues with very different expertise from my own.”

— Megan Barnes, Landscape Architecture student track leader
CURRICULUM

Our three-year accredited MLA program prepares students from a wide variety of undergraduate backgrounds for careers in landscape architecture. A two-year option is available for those seeking a second master’s degree, as well as practicing landscape architects, and we also offer a doctoral degree.

Studio experience is at the heart of the three-year curriculum. At SNRE, studio content and pedagogy teach you to imagine and construct landscapes that seem entirely new and, at the same time, respect and protect community traditions and irreplaceable natural resources.

Course sampling:
- Place and Environment
- Principles of Eco Design
- Metropolitan Dynamics
- Land Use and Global Change
- Ecological Restoration
- Mediation Skills

CAREERS

Graduates of SNRE’s MLA program are prepared to practice ecological design for landscape planning in all contexts, brownfield redevelopment, historic preservation, and land conservancy. Our alumni work with private architecture firms, as well as government or nongovernmental organizations; many launch their own practices after achieving licensure.

TOP 10 EMPLOYERS
- AECOM
- Biohabitats
- Conservation Design Forum
- Gibbs Planning Group
- H.T. Harvey and Associates
- The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio
- National Park Service
- Sasaki Associates
- Smithgroup JJR
- U.S. Forest Service

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