



Landscape Architecture

Highlights

95% of graduates have job offers prior to or immediately following graduation

Students have more than 100 interactions with landscape architecture professionals prior to graduation

Study abroad programs

Undergraduate research

What projects will you work on?

Corporate and commercial development

Garden design

Hotels, resorts and golf courses

Interior landscapes

Land use and city planning

Landscape art and earth sculpture

Land reclamation and rehabilitation

Parks and recreation

Residential sites

Streetscapes and public spaces

School and college campuses

Therapeutic gardens

Transportation corridors and facilities



While an architect designs buildings, a landscape architect is involved with the design of almost everything else in the built environment: gardens, urban plazas, streetscapes, parks, resorts, trails, golf courses, subdivisions and more.

As a landscape architecture student, you will learn to develop detailed landscape plans to be aesthetically pleasing, functional and compatible with the built and natural environment through a five-year degree accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board.

The design process involves creative expression that comes from an understanding of the landscape context, natural systems, cultural systems and social dynamics. Students learn to interpret, imagine, draw, conceptualize, synthesize and construct project ideas that transform the landscape. The landscape architecture curriculum includes design, construction, horticulture, art, ecology, environmental science and social science.

Within landscape architecture, you have the option to select a predefined emphasis area or work with your faculty adviser to customize your plan of study. These areas include:

Design

Prepare landscape designs, drawings, technical specifications and cost estimates, as well as perform construction administration in the field.

Environmental Planning

Conduct cultural resource inventory and analysis, analyze landscape features using geographic information systems, and prepare environmental assessment reports and impact statements.

Horticulture

Integrate plant knowledge and science into garden design. Learn more about the role of landscape management and receive a minor in horticulture.



Scholarship Dollars

The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture awards more than **\$80,000** in scholarships to students in the department. Last year, CASNR awarded an additional **\$460,000** to students within the college.



Why Study Landscape Architecture?

Do you like nature? Are you creative? Do you like to work in collaboration with other people? Do you like to design or draw? Are you concerned about the natural environment? Do you like both art and science? Then landscape architecture may be for you!

As a landscape architect, you will play a critical role in the design of outdoor space for health, safety and well being of individuals and their community. The positive benefits of a single design project are potentially immeasurable. For example, if you design a city park, that park could bring happiness to tens of thousands of visitors every year, and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, while simultaneously filtering pollution from stormwater runoff.

As issues of sustainability are becoming more critical, you will be poised to address them, as you design the interface between humankind and the urban, suburban and natural environment. Working with architects, city planners, civil engineers and other professionals, you will play an important role in environmental protection by designing and implementing projects that respect both the needs of people and our environment.

Fast Fact: OSU has the only accredited undergraduate landscape architecture program in the state of Oklahoma.

Alumni Spotlight

Mike Albert

*Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, May 2006
Partner, Principal & Shareholder at Design Workshop
Aspen, Colorado*

Albert grew up in the Oklahoma panhandle, where he started his own landscape business at the age of 14, before coming to OSU to study landscape architecture.

“Within this profession, the sky is the limit for innovation,” Albert said. “I have the opportunity to have a hand in designing residential gardens, public parks and streetscapes, downtown redevelopment projects and even resorts.”

Throughout his career, Albert has been able to travel the world, working on projects in Canada, Mexico, China, Panama and Romania.

This year, Albert became a partner at Design Workshop at the age of 32, the youngest employee to do so in the firm’s 45 year history. In his short career he has received numerous professional and design awards, including being named one of Colorado’s Top Five Designers Under 40.

CASNR Fast Facts

>>> Faculty Advising <<<

40+
Student Organizations

\$1.4
Million in
Scholarships
each year

13:1
Student to Faculty Ratio

45 States
Represented

4 out of 15
OSU Outstanding Seniors

Expanding Minds, Inspiring Purpose

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

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