

Department of Landscape Architecture

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What is Landscape Architecture?

Landscape architecture is a synthesized, applied science that contributes directly to public welfare by producing more livable cities and towns. The major in Landscape Architecture aims to produce skillful landscape architects capable of creating a comfortable living environment for others. Thus, students immerse themselves in a number of courses in the field of botany (to employ plants as landscape architectural materials), aesthetics (to find expression for their artistic inclinations), and engineering (in order to bring their artistic visions into reality).

Landscape Architecture at Kyung Hee

Most other universities in Seoul do not have a separately designated landscape architecture major, and when other universities offer such a major, it is likely under the discipline of architecture and civil engineering, or urban planning and design. At Kyung Hee University, however, the Landscape Architecture major is a part of the Art and Design College, which makes it unique in the design field.

The purpose of this major is to produce specialists in the field of landscape architecture. To achieve this speciality in landscape architecture, students are required to take basic design courses and theories during their first and second years. Design studios prepare juniors and seniors for real world jobs after graduation.

Moreover, to meet the demands of globalization, The Department of Landscape Architecture has forged partnerships with foreign universities. This sisterhood with foreign universities offers great opportunities to send our students abroad to universities like Chiba University in Japan, Peking University in China, and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia for short-term studies. The department also holds seminars and symposiums with its foreign partners.

Degree Requirements

- At least 69 course units of undergraduate level credit in Landscape Architecture courses are required for the bachelor's degree
- Students must pass a qualifying examination
- Students must fulfill presentation, defense, and document requirements for the LA thesis committee
- A thesis advisor can be any faculty member from the LA major

Courses

Year 1

Observe and Express, Basic Design, Material and Expression, Color and Design, Understanding of Plastic Arts, History of Modern Art

Year 2

Introduction to Landscape Architecture, History of Occidental Landscape Architecture, Landscape Plants, Space & Form Composition, Graphic Communication in Landscape Design, Land Form Design, Landscape Planning Process, History of Oriental Landscape Design, Landscape Flowers & Surface Plants, Introductory Landscape Design

Year 3

Urban Landscape Design, Landscape Engineering, Computer-aided Design in Landscape Architecture, Garden Aesthetics and Design, Leisure and Tourism Planning, Site Planning and Design, Planting Design, Research in Modern Landscape Design Works, Theories of Urban Space Design, Landscape Construction & Integration

Year 4

Landscape Management, Urban Parks Design, Environmental Psychology & Behavior, Business Management in Landscape Architecture, Computer Graphics in Landscape Architecture, Landscape Planning and Design, Environmental Ecology Planning, Professional Practice in Landscape Architecture (Internship)

Careers and Graduate Destinations

After graduation, students can choose various careers according to their aptitude and ability. Major fields are planning & design, construction, and management. They can get jobs in a planning & design office, construction company, or government office. Additionally, they can perform research in national institutes or research labs or become teachers of higher education after they earn a master's or doctoral degree from domestic or foreign universities. Today, the employment rate for a landscape architect is very high, with 100% guaranteed jobs after graduation.

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