

INTRODUCTION TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



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Across the centuries the practice of Landscape Architecture has influenced every public and private environment we experience. City patterns, public parks, neighborhood plans, residential design, protected and preserved lands, historic sites, and culturally significant places are all proposed and designed by practitioners in the field of Landscape Architecture.

Landscape Architecture combines the creative with the analytical, the visionary with the pragmatic, the human landscape with the larger ecological landscape. Landscape Architecture is a constant interplay of left-brain and right-brain thinking. Both the visible and tangible, as well as the invisible and perceived, influence how places are made by Landscape Architects.

Students will learn about the diversity and breadth of the field from the Landscape Architecture faculty and practicing Landscape Architects. The course will combine lecture with hands on workshops and projects allowing students to "try on" some of the ideas and methodologies presented in the lectures.

Included will be wandering, looking, learning and making about one's own landscape experience as a way to connect the larger lecture topics with each student's own landscape values and experiences.

The topics covered will reveal the deeper relationship between design process and the process of building and making landscapes. Issues regarding ecology and sustainability will be emphasized, as well as the social implications of making landscape spaces.