

# Career Advising Guide

# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

# AT SUNY ESF

**Landscape Architecture** is a profession that ties together built, human-made structures and the natural environment. A landscape architect must consider not only what is best for the clients and users of a site, but also what is best for the environment. Humanity has had a large impact on the earth, and in many cases, this impact has been negative. Responsible design tries to consider what is good for the environment, striving to preserve and in some cases heal it, while creating visually interesting and meaningful designs that also provide for the public's health, safety and welfare.

**Degree:** The Bachelor of Landscape Architecture program at SUNY ESF is granted at the end of five years of study and requires the successful completion of 150 credit hours. Students are accepted into the lower division landscape architecture program as freshmen or as sophomore transfers and into the upper division program as junior transfers. The degree is accredited by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

**Prerequisites for Transfer Entry:** The breadth of learning in the B.L.A. program makes it imperative that entering students prepare themselves with a broad range of foundation coursework. The environmental issues that students will engage require a strong background in the natural and social sciences, as well as in the arts and humanities. In addition, competency in graphics, written and oral communication, mathematics, and computer applications is required.

Due to the specialized nature of much of this coursework, it is highly recommended that students wishing to transfer into the B.L.A. program consider doing so ***no later than the beginning of the sophomore year.***

**Portfolio:** Students wishing to transfer with greater than beginning sophomore standing are required to submit a portfolio of visually expressive design or graphic work for review. If students have met the sophomore transfer requirements, have completed 62 or more credit hours of coursework at another college, and submit portfolio work suggesting they have sufficiently advanced skills in design and graphic communication, they may be granted junior status and can enter into the upper division B.L.A. studio sequence.

**Recommended MCC Courses:** (Note - not all courses listed below are required before transfer to SUNY ESF)

- ENG 101 or 200 - English Composition course
- ENG elective - Choose any ENG course from Humanities SUNY General Education List
- SPT 140 or 142 - Speech Communication course
- ART 104 – Drawing I and/or ART 204 – Drawing II
- BIO 155 and BIO 156 - General Biology I and II
- Social Science elective – Choose from SUNY General Education List
- Other World Civilization elective - Choose from SUNY General Education List
- MTH elective – 140 or 160 or 164 + 165 or 175 or 210 (choose appropriate course based on individual math level)

For more information, visit: [www.esf.edu/la/](http://www.esf.edu/la/)

Information adapted from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry website.

**Please note:** while every effort is made to ensure that the information in this guide is accurate, students are advised to meet with a counselor in the MCC Career Center and to contact transfer institutions for specific course requirements and the most up-to-date information.