

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MINOR

Offered at: San Luis Obispo Campus

This minor is designed for students who want to expand their knowledge of the role landscape architecture plays in the planning, conceptualization, and design of the natural and built environment. The program is structured to expose students to issues facing our society on global and local levels while reinforcing concepts of sustainability. From the perspective of landscape architecture, students will have the opportunity to either explore a variety of environmental issues or examine a specific topic area in greater depth. They will gain a clearer understanding of the interdisciplinary contributions, and leadership role that landscape architects take in addressing societal and environmental concerns.

Program Learning Objectives

1. Identify the role of landscape architects and their contributions to addressing environmental and social challenges on various scales.
2. Relate community needs to the planning and design process of landscape architects.
3. Recognize cultural contexts of diverse communities, integrating local histories and values to landscape architecture design.
4. Summarize the ability to collaborate effectively with diverse disciplines, developing comprehensive design solutions.
5. Examine sustainable practices that are responsible for the management of natural resources in the design process.
6. Identify the technical, graphic, and communication skills necessary to implement designs effectively.

Minor Requirements and Curriculum

The minor must be completed prior to, or at the same time as, the requirements for the bachelor's degree. A major and a minor may not be taken in the same degree program, and a minor is not required for a degree. Requirements for the minor include:

- At least half of the units must be from upper-division courses (3000-4000 level).
- At least half of the units must be taken at Cal Poly (in residence).
- No more than one-third of the units will be taken with credit-no credit grading (CR/NC), not counting courses with mandatory CR/NC. Departments may further limit CR/NC grading if desired.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in all units counted for completion of the minor.

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED COURSES		
LA 1104	History of Landscape Architecture	3
LA 2203	Landscape Ecology: Concepts, Issues, and Interrelationships	3
LA 3304	Contemporary Issues in Cultural Landscapes	3
LA 4410	Sustainability, Resilience, and Climate Ecology in Design	3
Approved Electives		
Select from the following:		6-7
ARCH 2000	Architecture Design Studio for Non-Majors	
AG/EDES/GEOG/ISLA/SCM/UNIV 3350	The Global Environment	
BRAE 3348	Energy for a Sustainable Society	
BRAE 3349	Water for a Sustainable Society	
EDES 4406	Sustainable Environments	
LA 3303	Theory for Landscape Architects	
LA 4413	Social Equity and Design	
Total Units		18