Landscape Architecture

What is Landscape Architecture?
While an architect designs buildings, a landscape architect designs 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 develop detailed landscape plans that are aesthetically pleasing, functional and compatible with the built and natural environment. The design process involves creative expression that comes from an understanding of the landscape context, natural systems, cultural systems and social dynamics. You will learn to interpret, imagine, draw, conceptualize, synthesize and construct project ideas that transform the landscape.

Why Study Landscape Architecture?
As a landscape architect, you will play a critical role in the design of outdoor space for the health, safety and well-being of individuals and their communities. The positive benefits of a single design project are invaluable.

With issues of sustainability becoming more critical, as a landscape architect you will be ready and prepared to address them as you design the interface between humankind and the urban, suburban and natural environment. You will play an important role in environmental healing by designing and implementing projects that respect both the needs of people and our environment.

Proposed Degree Plan
For each undergraduate degree program in CASNR, we have prepared example plans of how you may successfully complete your degree on schedule. The landscape architecture degree is a five-year program accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board.

Where Do You See Yourself?
Corporate and commercial developer
Green roof designer
Interior landscaper

Land reclamation and rehabilitation specialist
Land use and city planner
Urban designer

Xochilyn Davis
Dallas, Texas

“There is something about creation and design that enthralls me. Being able to design outdoor spaces that will positively impact humans and the environment is so important to me. It challenges me to think of creative ways to get practical things done. I love it!”
Areas of Emphasis

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

**Design**

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

**Environmental Planning**

Conduct cultural resource inventory and analysis, analyze landscape features using geographic information systems and develop environmental enhancement design plans.

**Horticulture**

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

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**Oklahoma State University**

**College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources**

**Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture**

**Landscape Architecture Major**

**Fast Fact**

OSU has the only accredited undergraduate landscape architecture program in the state. Accreditation assures employers that graduates are prepared to meet the industries professional standards.

**Highlight**

Students are guaranteed interaction with at least 100 industry professionals prior to graduation. This includes teamwork sessions allowing students to work beside professionals to develop concepts for a city park.

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**OSU Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture**

**Real-World Experience**

Hands-on laboratories are included in many courses, and students in the department have the unique advantage of utilizing The Botanic Garden at OSU and the Water Conservation and Irrigation Training Center. Additionally, all students in the department are required to complete an internship prior to graduation.

**Scholarship Dollars**

The OSU Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture annually awards more than $100,000 in scholarships to undergraduate students in the department. Last year, CASNR awarded an additional $600,000 to students within the college.