



CHRISTOPHER C. GIBBS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
**DIVISION OF PLANNING,
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN**
The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

Public Information Policy

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) requires accredited programs to provide reliable information to the public. This information is intended to help potential students make informed application decisions.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Master of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Oklahoma is to provide the best possible educational experience for our students through excellence in teaching, research and creative activity, and service to the state and society. Our community of faculty and students works closely with towns and organizations across the state to encourage environmental resilience and to promote human health/well-being and environmental justice. Through mentoring and thoughtfully curated projects, faculty encourage the development of critical thinking skills, creative problem solving, effective graphic and verbal communication, and technical knowledge through service-learning projects which rely heavily on community engagement with a particular emphasis on working with people who have been historically underserved.

- **Objective:** Faculty and students co-create a collaborative and inclusive learning environment.
 - **Goal:** *Classmates are resources and not competitors.*
 - **Goal:** *Faculty meet students where they are developmentally.*
 - **Goal:** *Faculty and students have equal voice in the decision-making process.*
- **Objective:** Faculty and students work at the intersection of community engagement and climate change adaptation.
 - **Goal:** *Faculty create community engagement service-learning opportunities for students.*
 - **Goal:** *Faculty actively seek ways to integrate more ecology and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques into curriculum.*
- **Objective:** Students graduate with a hireable skill set.
 - **Goal:** *Faculty create instructional experiences which balance attainment of technical skills and development of critical thinking.*

Accreditation

The University of Oklahoma Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.) is a professional program and is fully accredited by the LAAB. The First Professional Master of Landscape Architecture is for students who do not have a previous professional degree in landscape architecture and who may come from fields as diverse as English literature, drama, wildlife management or nursing. The Post Professional Master of Landscape Architecture is only for students who have completed an accredited professional degree in landscape architecture and desire a design or research focus in a specialized area.

For more information on LAAB, see: <http://www.asla.org/accreditationlaab.aspx>

Cost of Attendance

2024/2025 OU Student Costs – Graduate

The average for one year in the MLA program is 21 credit hours.

	Tuition		Hourly Mandatory Fees		Total
Resident	$\$382.25 \times 21 = \$8,027.25$	+	$\$134.25 \times 21 = \$2,819.25$	=	\$10,846.50
Non-Resident	$\$1,080.25 \times 21 = \$22,685.25$	+	$\$134.25 \times 21 = \$2,819.25$	=	\$25,504.50
International	$\$1,080.25 \times 21 = \$22,685.25$	+	$\$141.61 \times 21 = \$2,973.75$	=	\$25,659.00

Information provided by University of Oklahoma Office of the Bursar & Office of International Studies
https://www.ou.edu/bursar/tuition_fees/calculator

Graduate Students Living Off-Campus

(U.S. citizen & permanent resident)

2024-2025 Expenses	Resident Cost	Non-resident Cost	International Cost
Tuition/Fees - 21 credit hours	\$10,846.50	\$25,504.50	\$25,659.00
Room & Board	\$15,079.00	\$15,079.00	\$15,079.00
Books + Supplies	\$222	\$222	\$222
Indirect costs (personal, transportation, misc.)	\$10,336.00	\$10,336.00	\$10,336.00
Total	\$36,483.50	\$51,141.50	\$51,296.00

Information provided by University of Oklahoma Office of Admissions
<https://www.ou.edu/sfc/estimating-costs/cost-of-attendance>

Scholarships, assistantships, and financial aid

Scholarships are available on a yearly basis through the University of Oklahoma and Gibbs College of Architecture.

<https://www.ou.edu/sfc>

https://architecture.ou.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ID-Student-Scholarships_2023-2024ay.pdf

To learn about available assistantships, please contact Dr. Sarah Little (sarah.little@ou.edu).

Student Achievement

MLA Degrees Awarded

Academic Year	Number of Graduates	% who graduated in 3 yrs or less
2018/2019	8	100%
2019/2020	2	100%
2020/2021	5	100%
2021/2022	6	100%
2022/2023	2	100%
2023/2024	2	100%

Data provided by University of Oklahoma Office of Research and Reporting
<http://www.ou.edu/content/irr.html>

Student retention rate has averaged 95% for the last 5 years.

Demographics

Student Enrollment

Academic Year	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary	Total
2018/2019	7	15			22
2019/2020	8	14			22
2020/2021	7	14			21
2021/2022	6	9			15
2022/2023	5	8			13
2023/2024	8	11			19

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List of required materials

The average cost of materials is approximately \$450.00.

- A portable drafting board with a parallel straight edge is provided to all first-year students.
- A personal laptop computer with Adobe Suite is strongly recommended*
- 45 Degree & 30/60 Degree Triangles or an Adjustable Triangle
- 8.5 x 11" or A5 size bound Sketchbook
- 24" x 18" drawing paper roll or Sketch pad
- Tracing paper (24" roll)*
- Vellum paper (24" roll or 24" by 36" size)*
- Pencils: 6B, 4B, 2B, HB, 2H
- Pencil Sharpener
- Erasers (white and kneaded)
- Eraser Shield
- Pens: Black Felt Tip Liners (0.05mm, 0.1mm, 0.3mm, 0.5mm)
- Circle Template (Up to 3" in diameter)
- French Curve*
- Drafting Brush
- Drafting Dots
- Architectural Scale
- Engineering Scale
- Digital storage media as needed (such as Flash Drives)
- Reproduction and photography costs (this includes plotting and printing costs/copying/mounting/binding, etc.)
- Other Specific paper/illustration board products will also be needed throughout the semester and will be assigned as needed. We also strongly recommend a means of transporting your work to and from the studio such as a flat portfolio slipcase or an expandable drawing tube.

* Shared resources are available.

Supplemental and experiential learning opportunities associated costs and potentially available subsidies

The MLA program provides funding for conference travel and study abroad.

Funding is available through the Graduate Student Senate for all active graduate student clubs on campus.

- Conference travel and research grants: <https://www.ou.edu/sga/branches/graduate-student-senate/grants>
- Outstanding Graduate Student Awards: <https://www.ou.edu/sga/branches/graduate-student-senate/awards>

Employment

According to department records, graduates of our program have historically secured entry-level positions in landscape architecture or a related field at above average national rates. Approximately ninety-five percent of the students in the most recent graduating class secured a position within six months.

Number of licensed faculty

Currently, approximately 17% of the MLA faculty has professional licensure.

In accordance with the Higher Education Act, the MLA program (M620) at the University of Oklahoma meets the educational requirements for licensure eligibility in each U.S. state.