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Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) Policy for Accredited Programs to Use in **Providing Information to the Public**

LAAB accredited programs are required to provide reliable information to the public. Programs must report on accreditation status and its performance. This information is to help potential students make informed application decisions.

ACCREDITATION

The four-year program is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB). For more information on LAAB, see https://www.asla.org/AccreditationLAAB.aspx

COST OF ATTENDANCE

View Tuition and Fee rates for fall 2024 (and other terms) https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar For information on tuition and living expenses Costs - UGA Student Financial Aid For information on housing. https://housing.uga.edu/incoming-students/ For information on food services. foodservice.uga.edu

Policies, Initiatives and Programs in place to reduce the cost of attendance include:

- 1. The Affordable Learning Georgia initiative. The Board of Regents requires USG institutions to identify undergraduate courses with no associated material costs and courses with low material costs. Faculty provide this information to the registrar prior to each semester's registration period, and it is incorporated into the available course listings published to students.
- 2. https://reg.uga.edu/faculty-and-staff/course-scheduling/no_cost_low_cost_courses/
- 3. A wide range of CED Student Scholarships are open to UGA BLA students that can help defray education, living and travel expenses. See more about CED scholarships at: https://ced.uga.edu/scholarships
- 4. The CED Swap Shop is in the Jackson Street Building. It is a student and grant funded shop making new and lightly used studio supplies available to CED students at little or no cost.
- 5. The University Office of Student Financial Aid provides policy and application resources for students addressing available aid, program, tuition and fee waivers, student eligibility, etc. Please see: https://osfa.uga.edu/policies/tuition-and-feewaivers/
- 6. To reduce financial barriers for students, UGA has increased need-based scholarships. The Georgia Commitment Scholarship program has created over 640 student scholarships and committed \$95 million toward need-based awards. For the 2020-2021 academic year, the Office of Student Financial Aid disbursed \$382.9 millions of federal, state, institutional and other/external aid to 29,243 unique undergraduate students. UGA also has eliminated lab and course material fees, saving students an estimated \$1.2 million annually. (UGA Today. 12/6/21).

PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS – FALL 2023

	Head Count	243	
LOAD	Full-Time	218	
	Part-Time	25	
	Female	151	
GENDER	Male	92	
	Not Reported	0	
	American Indian	2	
	Asian	31	
	Black/African American	6	
ETHNICITY	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	
ETHINICITY	Hispanic	28	
	Multi-Racial	0	
	White	171	
	Not Reported	5	
CITIZENSHIP	Citizen	241	
	Non-Citizen	2	
RESIDENCY	Resident	219	
RESIDENCY	Non-Resident	24	

STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Time to Degree (TTD)

Graduating Cohort

		Graduating Conort				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Freshman	Number of Students	34	29	30	31	29
	TTD within 4 years	17	19	18	20	14
	TTD within 5 years	29	27	25	30	26
	TTD within 6 years	33	28	28	31	28
	Median TTD	4.17	4.00	4.0	4.0	4.33
	Avg. TTD	4.71	4.33	4.47	4.23	4.33
	Avg. Degree GPA	3.45	3.39	3.35	3.69	3.68
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Transfer	Number of Students	16	10	12	14	12
	TTD within 4 years	16	7	10	13	9
	TTD within 5 years	16	9	12	14	12
	TTD within 6 years	16	10	12	14	12
	Median TTD	3.33	3.33	3.67	3.0	3.67
	Avg. TTD	3.40	3.77	3.56	3.31	3.78
	Avg. Degree GPA	3.28	3.31	3.31	3.52	3.72

Please note: the BLA changed from a 5-year program to a 4-year program beginning in the 2014 2015 academic year. The Time to Degree table above reflects the resultant transition period as 5-year program participants completed their degrees in 2018 (on-time completion).

BLA Student Retention Rate

(Data in process)

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Degrees Awarded

DEGREES CONFERRED					
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture					
Year	2020	20201	2022	2023	2024
Degrees	39	42	31	46	52

Source: UGA OIR/FACTS Degrees Conferred

Scholarships awarded

2021-2022: \$89,550.00 2022-2023: \$111,923.00 2023-2024: \$113,014.00

Employment Percentages of Recent Graduates

On average, two-thirds of our students gain employment in private practice, government, non-profit and public works following graduation. Firms and organizations where students have gained employment include HGOR (Hughes Good O'Leary & Ryan), U.S. Forestry Service, The University of Georgia, EDSA, AECOM, and more. The remaining students typically gain employment within a year of graduation or enter graduate school.

Post-graduation Employment Survey Results					
Employed within 60 days of graduation					
Year	In Profession	Graduate Education	Other Employ.	Not yet Employed or No Response	
2020*	41%	2%	2%	55%	
2021	66%	17%	0%	17%	
2022	76%	2%	4%	18%	
2023	78%	5%	7%	10%	

^{*}Note: 2020 results measured during the height of the COVID-19 shutdown.

LINKS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

UGA Admissions: https://www.admissions.uga.edu/

• FAQs: https://ced.uga.edu/programs/bla/bla-admissions/

• About the BLA at UGA: https://ced.uga.edu/programs/bla/

• CED News: https://ced.uga.edu/news and events/

• CED Events: https://ced.uga.edu/lectures

• CED Scholarships: https://ced.uga.edu/scholarships

• Office of Institutional Research: http://oir.uga.edu