

PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY

UGA MLA Program

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 BLA and MLA programs in landscape architecture are accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board and recognized by the Professional License Board, Division of the Department of the Secretary of the State of Georgia. For more information on LAAB, see: <https://www.asla.org/AccreditationLAAB.aspx>

COST OF ATTENDANCE 2024/2025

The following information is summarized and provided for reference from The University of Georgia's Bursar's Office, the Graduate School, the Office of Financial Aid and the Family Housing Department.

Please refer to the cost of Tuition and Fees website for up-to-date information:

<https://osfa.uga.edu/costs/>

Tuition and fees are subject to state budget approval each year.

University of Georgia Fee Policy https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/bursar_fees_policy/

Tuition and Fees, estimated budgets for Academic year 2025/2026

	Graduate in state	Graduate Out of state
Fees & Tuition*	\$9,808	\$30,182
Books, Supplies,	\$758	\$758
Room & Board**	\$12,084	\$17,986
Transportation***	\$1,528	\$2,346
Personal / Misc.	\$3,484	\$3,464
Total Tuition, Fees and Other Estimated Costs	\$28,592	\$49,784

* Fees are based on full-time graduate student enrollment. (12 hours per semester) for 9-month academic year.

** Based on campus housing and food

*** Campus and City Bus Transportation are covered in the tuition and fees.

For information on tuition and living expenses visit <https://osfa.uga.edu/costs>

For information on housing please visit https://housing.uga.edu/site/housing_community_fgh

For information on food services please visit <http://foodservice.uga.edu/>

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

Graduation Rate: The following table shows the percentage of MLA students graduating within three years and four years of starting the program:

Cohort	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
% Graduated within 3 years (#)	73.3% (11)	75% (12)	86.6% (13)	80% (12)	81% (13)	81% (13)
% Graduated within 4 years (#)	26.6% (4)	25% (4)	13.3% (2)	7% (1)	12.5% (2)	12.5% (2)

One-Year Retention Rate: The following table shows the one-year retention rate for graduate students entering the MLA program over the past six years.

Cohort	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
% returning (#)	94% (17)	100% (16)	87.5% (15)	94% (17)	66% (6)	100% 18

DEMOGRAPHICS

The following tables show demographic data for students in the MLA program over the past five years:

	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Total Headcount	56	55	46	47	41	48

Gender	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Men	23	17	16	16	11	17
Women	33	38	33	29	28	31

Ethnic Origin	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Hispanic/Latino	7%	6%	2%	2%	2%	2%
African American	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	2%

Native American	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Asian American	9%	4%	2%	4%	15%	2%
Caucasian	57%	66%	79%	70%	71%	84%
Non-Resident Alien	22%	0	0	0	0	0
Other/Unknown	0%	20%	13%	22%	10%	10%

Residency	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
GA Resident	41%	47%	54%	54%	46%	62%
Non-GA Resident	36%	37%	37%	26%	28%	21%
International	23%	16%	9%	20%	26%	17%

	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Average Age	27.4	27.9	28.4	27.8	26.2	25.4	28.7

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Degrees Awarded: The program has awarded the following number of degrees over the past six years:

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
MLA Degrees Awarded	15	13	25	15	12	11	14

Employment Status: 92% of the students who graduated during 2024 (and who are not pursuing graduate studies) have secured positions in landscape architecture or a related field.
(approximately 8% unknown)

Academic Performance: The MLA students carry an average course unit load per semester of 14 to 16 hours.

Fall 2024 entering MLA students have an average graduate GPA of 3.60 after their first year.

Fall 2023 entering MLA students have an undergraduate mean GPA of 3.44. The GRE is not required for admission to the MLA program.

Scholarships: MLA Students have received the following scholarship amounts by year from university and non-university sources (Source: program records).

Fiscal Year	Total Scholarship Amounts (No.)
2022	\$21,500 (13)

2023	\$23,000 (11)
2024	\$25,347(14)
2025	\$28,000 (21)

**The dollar amounts above indicate College of Environment and Design Scholarships awarded from scholarship endowment accounts, and do not include competitive graduate assistantship awards. The CED awards more than \$175,000 in graduate assistantships to MLA students each year through an application process. New applicants to the MLA program are given top consideration by meeting the January 15 application deadline. Existing students apply each spring through an internal application process.*

Employment Percentages of recent graduates: Present employment of those receiving the MLA degree during the past five years, 2019-2024 (Source: program records):

Present Occupation	Percentage	(no.)
Advanced Study/Research	2.6%	(2)
Teaching	1.3%	(1)
Private Practice	61.8%	(47)
Public Practice	7.8%	(6)
Landscape Hort/Design Build	1.3%	(1)
Conservation/Sustainability	1.3%	(1)
Community Education	0%	(0)
Other	5.2%	(4)
Unknown	18.4%	(14)
Total	100%	(76)

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION:

Information for prospective students can be found on the following websites:

Admissions Information:

<http://grad.uga.edu/>

Institutional Research Information:

<http://oir.uga.edu/>

Prospective Landscape Architecture Student information:

<https://ced.uga.edu/degrees/mla/>

Department News & Events:

https://ced.uga.edu/news_and_events/

Student involvement in Public Service and Outreach <http://www.ced.uga.edu/psol/>

Scholarships, Internships and Employment Opportunities.

https://ced.uga.edu/student_life/financial_aid/

Career Services <http://www.career.uga.edu/>