

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 2025/2026

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 Mandatory Fees, estimated for Academic year 2025/2026

	Graduate in state	Graduate Out of state
Fees & Tuition*	\$11,451	\$31,607

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

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

For information on housing please visit <https://housing.uga.edu/>.

For information on food services please visit <https://dining.uga.edu/>

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

Graduation Rate: The following table shows the master's time to degree for graduating cohort, by graduating year (GY):

Cohort	GY 2020	GY 2021	GY 2022	GY 2023	GY 2024	GY 2025
Median Time to Degree (Years)	2.7	2.7	3	2.7	2.7	2.7
Average Time to Degree (Years)	2.4	2.8	3.4	2.7	2.3	3

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 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
% returning (#)	100% (16)	87.5% (15)	94% (17)	66% (6)	100% (18)	93% (14)

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Total Headcount	55	46	47	41	48	53

Gender	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Male	17	16	16	11	17	24
Female	38	33	29	28	31	29

Ethnic Origin	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Hispanic/Latino	6%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
African American	4%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%

Native American	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Asian American	4%	2%	4%	15%	2%	6%
Caucasian	66%	79%	70%	71%	84%	74%
Non-Resident Alien	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/Unknown	20%	13%	22%	10%	10%	19%

Residency	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
GA Resident	47%	54%	54%	46%	62%	53%
Non-GA Resident	37%	37%	26%	28%	21%	34%
International	16%	9%	20%	26%	17%	13%

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
MLA Degrees Awarded	13	25	15	12	11	14	18

Employment Status: 88% of the students who graduated during 2025 (and who are not pursuing graduate studies) have secured positions in landscape architecture or a related field. (approximately 11% unknown)

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

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
2023	\$23,000

2024	\$25,347
2025	\$28,000
2026	\$45,813

**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 six years, 2019-2025 (Source: program records):

Present Occupation	Percentage	(no.)
Advanced Study/Research	3.2%	(3)
Teaching	1%	(1)
Private Practice	55.3%	(52)
Public Practice	8.5%	(8)
Landscape Hort/Design Build	9.6%	(9)
Conservation/Sustainability	1.1%	(1)
Community Education	0%	(0)
Other	4.3%	(4)
Unknown	17%	(16)
Total	100%	(94)

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/>