

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS

The Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) professional degree conferred by the College of Architecture + the Built Environment at Philadelphia University is accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accrediting Board (LAAB).

For Comprehensive Tuition, Board Rates and Fees, please see the [Undergraduate Tuition and Fees](#) section of the Student Accounts website.

Included in the comprehensive cost is use of the Paul J. Gutman Library, student center, gymnasium and athletic fields; admission to all on-campus athletic events and cultural programs, and subscriptions to student publications.

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 215.951.2940

Student Demographics

The BLA program currently has 19 students enrolled (Fall 2015); 32% female and 18% students of color.

Length of Program

The 4-year BLA program takes 8 semesters or 4 years to complete.

Graduation and Retention Rates

Our revised BLA curriculum, which was launched in Fall of 2012, requires 8 semesters to complete the degree (4-year curriculum) vs. our previous 5-year curriculum that took 10 semesters to complete. 80-90% of students complete their degree within the specified time frame.

Our retention rate, as reported by Director of Institutional Research, has been 100%--this is retention rate is calculated at the university level and not specific to retention within the landscape architecture program. While some students leave the program, they find another major within the university. For fall 2013, there were 4 freshman students; one left in January, but another student transferred in from another university, so the program retention rate was 100%.

Student Progress and Achievement

Through service-learning design studios, the student design projects have positively impacted many neighborhoods in the City of Philadelphia. For example, the student work has attracted attention from the Philadelphia Planning commission's plans for the neighborhood of West Park in West Philadelphia. The Ridge Allegheny Hunting Park Civic Association plans to implement one of the student's proposed parks and a developer is interested in pursuing conceptual ideas for a community center for a vacant lot. The students also have the opportunity to apply for grants with faculty. One such grant was for art installations on Philadelphia's many vacant lots. Another grant was for a green trail through the Germantown neighborhood.

During 2014-2015 the following Landscape Architecture Students won awards:

Emma Haley, BLA '15, received the 2015 PA/DE Chapter of ASLA Scholarship

Nick D'Ottavio, BLA '15, received the 2015 ASLA "Merit" Award

Emma Haley, BLA '15, received the 2015 OLIN Prize for best capstone project

Emma Haley, BLA '15, was named the PhilaU 2015 LAF Olmsted Student Scholar

Several upper level students have/had successful internships working for various private firms.