

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

SYLLABUS

LAA 1920 Introduction to Landscape Architecture (H)

3 Credits Lecture

Prerequisites: none

General

The purpose of this course is to instill an understanding of the profession of Landscape Architecture, a profession defined as the art and science of planning or designing on the land – arranging and creating spaces and objects in a landscape for safe, efficient, healthful and pleasant human use.

Objectives

The course shall focus on each of the following topics, all of which combine to provide a clear understanding of the profession of landscape architecture.

1. Subject -- Understanding place and refining our sense of place as practiced in Landscape Architecture: a design continuum of living landscapes from wilderness, to managed forests, to rural landscapes, to suburbia and to our cities, towns and new communities.
2. Scales of Concern – Understanding Scale: Spatial and Temporal.
 - a. Perspectives of Distance and Space -- From Backyards to Mother Earth
 - b. Perspectives of Time -- Historical Precedent
 - c. Perspectives of Distance / Time (Motion) -- Entry, Activity, Movement and Exit
3. Issues -- Understanding Issues that Drive Planning and Design Decisions.
 - a. Sensitivity to Place -- Natural Resources
 - b. Sensitivity to Place -- Social-Cultural-Historical Resources
4. Method -- Understanding Techniques of Land Planning and Design
 - a. A Process for Planning and Design
 - b. Design Communication and Tools of Technology

Performance

- Examinations shall test a student's knowledge and understanding of the many facets of landscape architecture.
- Projects and papers shall be assigned that help refine a student's sense of place and that test a student's ability to apply course material to a selected area of interest.

Texts

- City Form and Natural Process, Hough
- Landscape Architecture, Simonds
- Design for Human Ecosystems, Lyle
- People Places, Marcus
- Design on the Land, Newton
- Regenerative Design for Sustainable Development, Lyle
- Design with Nature, McHarg
- Site Planning, Lynch
- Introduction to Landscape Architecture, Laurie
- The Living Landscape, Steiner

Instructor:
Landscape Architecture Faculty

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