

**University of Florida**  
**Department of Landscape Architecture**  
Year Three Second Year of Advanced Graduate Study: Fall and Spring Semesters

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

<b>LAA 6971</b>	<b>Thesis</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>LAA 6979</b>	<b>Terminal Project</b>	<b>3 credits</b>

**Definitions:**

Thesis

“The first essential is that the thesis begins with a problem; the second that a hypothesis be formulated for its solution. If there is no hypothesis, stated or implied, then whatever the product may be it is not a thesis. Third, the thesis must possess validity, which simply means that it must be what it purports to be.”

(Graduate Student Handbook p. 54)

All theses must meet the requirements of the Graduate School (format, dates, etc.)

Terminal Project

The terminal project is an identifiable issue, condition, or circumstance which can be subject to inquiry and resolution. It has research dimension, either by component or process; it may include a format consistent with thesis requirements or a format of non-traditional size, shape or material. It must include written documentation.

The satisfactory completion LAA 6971 or LAA 6979 is a condition of the requirement of the degree, Master of Landscape Architecture. The following criteria reflect the conditions of both options:

1. The subject of either option is the responsibility of the student
  - a. Related to ongoing faculty research
  - b. Not related
2. The initiative for proposal development for either option lies with the student
  - a. Satisfies department objectives
  - b. Satisfies student objectives and needs

Candidates must develop this degree requirement prior to filing the names of the committee with the Graduate School. Candidates are encouraged to discuss the initiative with any member of the Graduate Faculty. The chair and one other committee member must be on the Graduate Faculty of the Department. Optional third member may be outside the Department of Landscape Architecture, but must also hold graduate faculty status.

The sequence requires two semesters – three credit hours of research, followed by three credit hours of thesis or terminal project. Both culminate with a formal defense. Digital copies of the entire report must be given to all committee members, the departmental archives, and the University of Florida Library.

**Instructor:**  
**Landscape Architecture Graduate Faculty**

**Date: 8/23/11**  
**Reviewed**