

The Landscape Architecture Internship Program

The Internship Program is a required part of the Landscape Architecture curriculum and is designed to enhance the undergraduate and graduate student educational experience with practical experience. Students self-select an employment relationship with a private or public sector professional office (in the U.S. and in some cases, abroad) and must receive direction and guidance by a registered landscape architect. Experiences during the Internship should include: assisting in project design, construction document production, project presentations, landscape construction observation and other related professional tasks.

While an internship experience can occur at any time during the students' enrollment in the program, it is recommended that undergraduate students fulfill their internship after completion of the 3rd year curriculum, and graduate students fulfill their internship after completion of their first year curriculum.

Undergraduate students must complete 12 credit hours of Internship through two courses:

LAA 4940 (3 credit hours), typically taken during the summer term, and
LAA 4941c (9 credit hours), typically taken during the following fall semester

Graduate students must complete 3 credit hours of Internship through one course:

LAA 6941 (3 credit hours), typically taken during the summer term, and

The Department of Landscape Architecture will assist the student in a limited way in the search for an internship, including initial suggestions of candidate firms and regions and assistance in interviews and portfolio content. However, it is the student's responsibility for finding the Internship opportunity and making the office selection.

Alternatively, an undergraduate or graduate student can choose to enroll in a pre-approved International Study Abroad Program as a substitute for the summer or fall semester Internship as long as the subject of the Study Abroad is closely aligned to Landscape Architecture and the credit hours are comparable. A student wishing to fulfill their Internship through an International Study Abroad, should speak to their College Advisor to review the procedures and requirement, as well as to investigate the available options early as these programs change in content, availability and cost.

Requirements of the Student

The responsibilities of the student intern will be to document the experiences of the Internship through several required documents and to prepare a Powerpoint presentation of work examples and experiences. This information will be provided to you by the Internship Coordinator at several introductory meetings to be held during the fall and spring semesters.

No internship credit will be granted without compliance with the criteria (see the course syllabi).

For more information about the Department of Landscape Architecture Internship Program and its requirements, contact [Glenn Acomb](#), the Departmental Internship Coordinator.