

Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)

PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY

The mission of the Landscape Architecture Program is:

“to educate and prepare students to have active and creative professions in landscape architecture through inclusive and interdisciplinary design methodologies and community engagement”. – October 2, 2017

CORE BELIEFS

The Landscape Architecture program is to engage the unique features of regional landscapes to serve as the educational platform for academic inquiry and research, while also providing students with comprehensive experiences, knowledge of design, ethical standards, and the technical skills necessary for professional licensure.

Links to Helpful Prospective Student Information

Admission Information <https://www.kent.edu/caed/admission-requirements-deadlines>

For graduate student information and academic policies:
<https://www.kent.edu/graduatecollege/academic-policies-forms>

For Kent State University guide to graduate education see:
<https://www.kent.edu/facultyhandbook/guide-graduate-education>

Link to Kent State University Cost of Attendance page:
<https://www.kent.edu/bursar/graduate-tuition-rates>

Student Achievement

In Spring 2023, 2 students graduated from the Master's of Landscape Architecture Program, 1 graduated in 3 years (100% rate within 3 years) one graduated in 2 years (100% rate within 2 year advanced placement degree).

Year	Number of MLA degrees granted
Spring 2023	2
Spring 2022	2
Spring 2021	1
Fall 2021	1
Spring 2020	1
Spring 2021	1
Spring 2019	4
Summer 2018	4
Spring 2018	1
Spring 2017	3

Retention and cumulative graduate Rates

MLA 1 – 3 year program

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Enrolled	5	4	2	2	3	3	2	7	3
% returned in 2 nd year	100%	100%	100%	100%	66.6%	100%	50%	57%	33.3%
% returned in 3 rd year	100%	100%	100%	100%	33.3%	100%	50%	28%	
% graduated in 2 years				50%		33.3%		14%	
% graduated in 3 years	40%	100%	100%	50%	33.3%	66.6%	50%		
% returned in 4 th year	55%								
% graduated in 4 years	40%								

Student Accomplishments

MLA focus and distinction has been validated through the following list of student successes.

The Cultural Landscape Foundation Nominated Olmstead Scholar

2023	Saba Tajali
2022	Amanda Mumford
2021	James Sasser
2020	Maci Nelson
2019	Lama Tawk

OCASLA Student Awards

2021	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for his Studio Project- Brendan Alcorn MLA
2020	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for his studio project. - James Sasser MLA
2019	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, in recognition of academic achievement for her studio project Katherine Kelleher, MLA
2023	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Saba Tajali (23)
2023	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Jody Lathwell (23)
2022	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Amanda Mumford (22)
2022	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Brendan Alcorn (22)
2021	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, James Sasser MLA (21)
2021	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Nicole Trapp MLA (21)
2020	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Maci Nelson MLA (20)
2020	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Nicole Trapp MLA (21)
2019	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Anna Enderle MLA (19)
2019	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Katherine Kelleher MLA (19)

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Landscape Architecture Design Award

2023	Saba Tajali (23)
2022	Saba Tajali (23)
2021	Nicole Trapp (21)

Landscape Architecture Research Award

2023	Jody Lathwell (23)
2022	Amanda Mumford (22)

Landscape Architecture Master's Project Award

2022	Brendan Alcorn (22)
2021	James Sasser (F22)

Deans Scholarships

Brendan Alcorn MLA (22)
Amanda Mumford MLA (22)
James Sasser MLA (22)

Traveling Fellowship

2019 Maci Nelson MLA (20) Xeriscapes, Nevada

The Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society

2020 Maci Nelson MLA (20) Inductee

Teaching Assistantships

Saba Tajali (23) Fall 2021, 2022

Maryam Barharvandi (23) Fall 2021

Faculty Assistantships

Asmita Dahal (24) 2021- 2024

Kalene Miller (24) Fall 2021

Amanda Mumford (22) Spring

2020 Katherine Kelleher MLA (19) Spring 2019

Research Assistantships

Saba Tajali (23) Spring 2022, 2023

Maryam Barharvandi (24) Spring 2022

Jody Lathwell MLA (23) Fall 2020

Amanda Mumford MLA (22) Fall 2019

Lama Tawk MLA (19) AY 2018/19