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).

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Retention and cumulative graduate Rates
MLA 1 – 3 year program

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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)

**CAED**

**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