

Course Specification

| Course Summary Information | | |
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| 1 | Course Title | BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture |
| 2 | Course Code | US0662 |
| 3 | Awarding Institution | Birmingham City University |
| 4 | Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3) | |
| 5 | Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable) | Landscape Institute |

| 6 | Course Description |
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| | <p>Want to learn how to design the outside world? This Landscape Architecture degree course will help you to gain real industry exposure and work on a wide range of exciting briefs. The course focuses on offering experience through practice, which will enhance your chances of securing a role after you graduate.</p> <p>Landscape Architecture is the design of the world outside, as a combination of art, utility and natural systems. The aim is to create rich, positive experiences and to provide designed environments, which engage users with character and a sense of place.</p> <p>Through guided exploration of personal design and research process, you will explore and unwrap many layers to reveal the unlimited storyboard of design options that our landscape presents.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>Covering all aspects of landscape architecture, our course is fully recognised and accredited by the Landscape Institute (LI) and supported by a leading design team in its field.</p> <p>You'll work in a design studio culture, which mimics real-world creative practice for landscape architects and prepares you for your future career.</p> <p>Experience on live local sites and project briefs in landscape studios will develop your design creativity and hone your professional practice skills. Placements and competitions will give you fantastic opportunities. There are also chances to compete for industry connected awards.</p> <p>You'll have the chance to be part of collaborative architecture and design initiatives within the School of Architecture that give you the chance to work on a diverse variety of live projects. Past examples include: explorations in timber construction in the Wyre Forest, communicating with the public about what they really want from design for Stirchley High Street in Birmingham and implementation of a viewing structure to observe wetland ecology at Henbury Ponds.</p> <p>You'll also have the opportunity to attend lectures and take part in workshops from a large variety of international and award winning professionals. Previous guest speakers have included Martha Schwartz, Andrew Grant, Andrew Wilson, Jeppe Aagard Anderson, Neil Porter, Chris Beardshaw and Kim Wilkie.</p> <p>You'll be based in our multi-million pound City Centre Campus within our Parkside Building, where you will have access to digital studios and 3D design workshops. The proximity of the</p> |

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| | newly built Eastside Park provides inspiration to your studies, introducing a strong example of contemporary civic space and park design. |
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| 7 | Course Awards | | |
| 7a | Name of Final Award | Level | Credits Awarded |
| | Bachelor of Arts with Honours Landscape Architecture | 6 | 360 |
| 7b | Exit Awards and Credits Awarded | | |
| | Certificate of Higher Education Landscape Architecture | 4 | 120 |
| | Diploma of Higher Education Landscape Architecture | 5 | 240 |
| | Bachelor of Arts Landscape Architecture | 6 | 300 |

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| 8 | Derogation from the University Regulations | | |
| | Not applicable | | |

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| 9 | Delivery Patterns | | | |
| | Mode(s) of Study | Location | Duration of Study | Code |
| | Full Time | City Centre | 3 years | US0662 |

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| 10 | Entry Requirements | |
| | Home: | BBC at A-Level or 112 UCAS tariff points from A/AS Level with a minimum of 2 A-Levels |
| | EU: | IELTS 6.0 overall with no less than 5.5 in each band |
| | International: | International Baccalaureate Diploma (or equivalent, including internationally accredited Foundation courses): For students who complete the full IB Diploma: Obtain a total of 14 points or above from three Higher Level Subjects For students who do not complete the full IB Diploma: Obtain a total of 16 points or above from three Higher Level Subjects In addition to the above, applicants will also need: English Group A - Grade 4 or above OR English Group B and Ab Initio - Grade 5 |
| | Access: | Access to Higher Education Diploma - Pass overall with 60 credits, 45 at Level 3 and 15 at Level 2. Must be in a relevant subject pathway |

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| 11 | Course Learning Outcomes | |
| 1 | Knowledge & Understanding | |
| 1.1 | Deconstruct the broad scope and timeline of the contemporary Landscape Architecture profession | |
| 1.2 | Explain the physical and socio-economic contextual conditions which can influence process and practice | |

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| 1.3 | Synthesise the scope and specifications of appropriate materials, flora, technology, structures and systems, from a global industry of supply and fabrication |
| 1.4 | Discuss the ethical, sustainability and semiotic implications of design choice and specification |
| 2 | Cognitive & Intellectual Skills |
| 2.1 | Synthesise Landscape Architectural proposals, making analytical judgements which combine theoretical, conceptual and pragmatic considerations |
| 2.2 | Develop individual approach to design process, encompassing open-minded exploration and reflection |
| 2.3 | Analyse design precedent and the work of peers, through critical appreciation of the relationship between design process and contextual conditions |
| 2.4 | Produce designs holistically, appropriately integrating abstract and pragmatic aims within design outputs and debates |
| 3 | Practical & Professional Skills |
| 3.1 | Produce marketable portfolio communication, via integrated curation of diverse project outputs |
| 3.2 | Promote ideas and design proposals, through development of individual approaches to visual, written and verbal communication |
| 3.3 | Align focus to the local and global professional context and marketplace of Landscape Architecture, considering multidisciplinary and sector based practice |
| 3.4 | Embody a culture of continual personal development |
| 4 | Key Transferable Skills |
| 4.1 | Plan, schedule and realise project outputs within appropriate professionally aligned timeframes |
| 4.2 | Reflect on personal approach, career aims and objectives |
| 4.3 | Develop professional and ethical behavioural approaches and exercise analytical judgement when working independently, or as part of a team |
| 4.4 | Utilise objective, analytical approaches to support evidence based research and practice |

| 12 | Course Requirements | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| LAN4015 | Inspiration | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN4014 | Skills | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN4019 | Influence | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN4018 | Components | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN4017 | Formation | 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| LAN5013 | Construction | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN5015 | Context | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN5014 | Praxis | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN5016 | Urban Design | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN5017 | Designed Ecologies | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ADM5006 | Collaborative Practice | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ADM5001 | Live Project | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ADM6005 | Major Project | 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN6105 | Professionalism | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN6108 | Major Design: Define | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAN6107 | Major Design: Deliver | 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only as modules will only run if selected by 15 or more students. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Level 4

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| Core LAN4015: Inspiration (20 Credits) LAN4014: Skills (20 Credits) LAN4019: Influence (20 Credits) | Core LAN4018: Components (20 Credits) LAN4017: Formation (40 Credits) |
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Level 5

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| Core LAN5013: Construction LAN5015: Context LAN5016: Urban Design | Core LAN5014: Praxis LAN5017: Designed Ecologies |
| | Optional ADM5001: Live Project ADM5006: Collaborative Practice |

Level 6

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| Core ADM6005: Major Project LAN6108: Major Design: Define | Core LAN6105: Professionalism LAN6107: Major Design: Deliver |
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13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

29.5% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 348 |
| Directed Learning | |
| Private Study | 852 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Coursework | 100 |
| Exam | |
| In-Person | |

Level 5

Workload

28.5% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 342 |
| Directed Learning | 70 |
| Private Study | 788 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Coursework | 100 |
| Exam | |
| In-Person | |

Level 6**Workload****28% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 336 |
| Directed Learning | |
| Private Study | 864 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Coursework | 100 |
| Exam | |
| In-Person | |