BSc Landscape Architecture (12132019)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	412
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Programme information

Landscape architecture is the science and art of the design of outside areas for the use and enjoyment of people. Parks, game reserves, recreational areas and marinas are only a few of the environments which the landscape architect designs. They create urban oases in the form of plazas and pedestrian routes, and design environments around shopping centres and residential developments. The landscape architect can join a private firm, start an own business, or accept employment in central, provincial or local government in departments that handle water usage and research, forestry, environmental matters, sport, recreational and fishing areas, and nature conservation.

Students are advised to work in the offices of an architect or a landscape architect to gain practical experience during the university recesses.

BScLArch is a three-year degree and is regarded as an exit level that enables the graduate to register as a candidate landscape architectural technologist who is a professional person registered by the South African Council of the Landscape Architectural Profession in terms of the Act on the Landscape Architectural Profession (Act 45 of 2000). Such practitioners provide assistance in the practices of the disciplines of landscape architecture and urban design where their responsibilities would be the documentation of projects, project administration and site management. Candidates wishing to become professional landscape architects must hereafter apply to register for the BLHons degree (one year full-time), and thereafter the ML(Prof) degree (one year full-time).

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Grade 11 results are used in the provisional admission of prospective students.
- A valid qualification with admission to degree studies is required.
- Minimum subject and achievement requirements, as set out below, are required. On first-year level a student has a choice between Afrikaans and English as language medium. In certain cases, tuition may be presented in English only, for example in electives, where the lecturer may not speak Afrikaans or in cases where it is not economically or practically viable.
- Selection programme: Selection includes an interview.

Minimum requirements												
Achievement level												
Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Sciences				APS
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D	or Geography or Life Sciences 4	or Geography or Life Sciences 3	or Geography or Life Sciences D	or Geography or Life Sciences D	27

Additional requirements

Please Note: Students wishing to transfer to other programmes in the Department of Architecture must obtain written consent from the admissions committee.

Other programme-specific information

Concurrent presentation

In the third year of study Design, Construction, Environmental studies, Plant science and Earth studies must be examined in the same year.

Awarding of degree

The degree is awarded to those students who have obtained all the prescribed credits for the programme modules.

Promotion to next study year

A student is promoted to a subsequent year of study after acquiring all the prerequisite module credits of the preceding year of study.
A student is deemed to be in the year of study for which he or she is registered in Design.
If the student is not registered for Design the highest passed year of Design determines the year of study.

Please Note: Students not promoted to the next year of study must obtain the approval of the programme co-ordinator and the head of department to register for modules in the subsequent year of study. Students must re-apply for admission to the Department of Architecture in instances where:

 i. a student is not promoted to the second year of study;
ii. a student after repeating any year of study, is not promoted to the following year of study.

Pass with distinction

The BScLArch degree is conferred with distinction on a student who, at first registration, simultaneously passes Design 302 and Construction 320 with distinction (75%) with the proviso that the degree is completed within the minimum prescribed time and all other final-year modules are passed on first registration without any supplementary/special examinations.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 116

Fundamental modules

Academic orientation 112 (UPO 112) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Academic information management 102 (AIM 102) - Credits: 6.00
Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00
Elective module 110 (ARC 110) - Credits: 6.00
Construction 111 (KON 111) - Credits: 8.00
Construction 121 (KON 121) - Credits: 8.00
Design communication 120 (OKU 120) - Credits: 6.00
Environmental theory 110 (OML 110) - Credits: 6.00
Environmental studies 120 (OML 120) - Credits: 6.00
Design 100 (ONT 100) - Credits: 60.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 144

Core modules

Earth studies 210 (AAL 210) - Credits: 8.00
Geomorphology of the built environment 265 (GGY 265) - Credits: 12.00
Introductory soil science 250 (GKD 250) - Credits: 12.00
Community-based project 201 (JCP 201) - Credits: 8.00
Construction 210 (KON 210) - Credits: 8.00
Construction 220 (KON 220) - Credits: 8.00
Landscape architecture 212 (LAN 212) - Credits: 8.00
Landscape architecture 222 (LAN 222) - Credits: 8.00
Environmental theory 210 (OML 210) - Credits: 6.00
Environmental studies 220 (OML 220) - Credits: 6.00
Design 202 (ONT 202) - Credits: 60.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 152

Core modules

Earth studies 320 (AAL 320) - Credits: 6.00
Business law 310 (BER 310) - Credits: 16.00
Construction 310 (KON 310) - Credits: 8.00
Construction 320 (KON 320) - Credits: 8.00
Design communication 313 (OKU 313) - Credits: 6.00
History of the environment 310 (OMG 310) - Credits: 6.00
History of the environment 320 (OMG 320) - Credits: 6.00
Environmental studies 310 (OML 310) - Credits: 6.00
Environmental studies 320 (OML 320) - Credits: 6.00
Design 302 (ONT 302) - Credits: 60.00
Practice management 320 (PJS 320) - Credits: 8.00
Plant science 312 (PWT 312) - Credits: 8.00
Plant science 322 (PWT 322) - Credits: 8.00

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