



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Students in the Davis College are offered fields of study that complement a wide variety of careers. Programs are constantly being updated to reflect industry trends, and student initiative is strongly encouraged. Advising is conducted by faculty members, promoting mentorship. Many current students and alumni comment on the small-school feel of the Davis College, citing the individual attention from faculty, substantial extracurricular opportunities, and hands-on learning that enhance our academic experience.

The Davis College has 22 undergraduate major fields of study and a growing number of minors in the academic divisions of animal and nutritional sciences, design and merchandising, forestry and natural resources, plant and soil sciences, and resource management. Our programs allow for considerable flexibility, as several offer individual academic tracks depending on student interests and goals.

Instructional facilities and unique settings offer varied learning opportunities for students. The majority of classrooms, laboratories, design studios and offices are located on WVU's Evansdale Campus. The College also maintains eight farms, a campus greenhouse, and more than 8,000 acres of forest land for teaching and research. Hands-on experiences, service learning, undergraduate research and study abroad are strongly encouraged for students in every program.

Landscape Architecture is the design and planning profession that applies both art and science to achieve the best use of land. Landscape architects design the setting for a variety of land uses ranging from residential to industrial development while providing stewardship for the natural environment. The profession has a special commitment to improving the quality of urban and rural life. Students acquire hand and computer graphic skills, study design theory and site engineering, and apply the knowledge to a series of environmental design projects.

Program Admission and Curriculum

Students who meet University admission requirements may be accepted directly into the Davis College as Landscape Architecture majors; however, enrollment in the program is limited to 50 students in the first-year studio. All other eligible students who wish to enter the program are waitlisted and admitted prior to the beginning of classes if the quota has not been met. To earn a bachelor's degree, all students must complete 136 credit hours, including the General Education Curriculum required by the University.

Students begin their professional studies in Landscape Architecture developing drafting, graphic, and computer skills applicable to a variety of design problems. Upon conclusion of the sophomore year, students are required to submit representative examples of their work as a condition for progressing into the final two years of the program. During the third year, students develop planting design and construction skills while the design sequence simultaneously introduces problems ranging from small-scale to regional contexts in recreation, housing, conservation, and urban development.

Examples of core courses include but are not limited to landscape architectural drawing, computer graphics in landscape architecture, landscape construction materials and methods, planting design, natural systems design, and regional design.

Complete course listings and descriptions can be found in the current *WVU Undergraduate Catalog*.

Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities for landscape architects exist in multidisciplinary planning and design firms and with the federal government in the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, or Interior. About one of every six landscape architects is self-employed. Graduates with a bachelor's degree typically have starting salaries exceeding \$40,000. The average annual salary for all landscape architects in non-supervisory, supervisory, and managerial positions within the federal government is \$55,500.



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Majors in the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Agribusiness Management & Rural Development:	B
Agricultural & Extension Education:	B, M
Agricultural & Resource Economics:	M
Agriculture, Forestry, & Consumer Sciences:	M
Agroecology:	B
Agronomy:	B, M
Animal & Food Science:	D
Animal & Nutritional Sciences:	B, M
Applied & Environmental Microbiology:	B
Biochemistry:	B
Design Studies:	B
Entomology:	M
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics:	B
Environmental Microbiology:	M
Environmental Protection:	B
Family & Consumer Sciences:	M
Fashion Design & Merchandising:	B
Forest Resources Management:	B
Forest Resources Science:	D
Forestry:	M
Genetics & Developmental Biology:	M, D
Horticulture:	B, M
Human and Community Development:	D
Human Nutrition & Foods:	B
Interior Design:	B
Landscape Architecture:	B
Multidisciplinary Studies:	B
Natural Resource Economics:	D
Plant & Soil Sciences:	D
Plant Pathology:	M
Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Resources:	B, M
Reproductive Physiology:	M, D
Resource Management:	D
Soil Science:	B
Wildlife & Fisheries Resources:	B, M
Wood Science & Technology:	B

B = Bachelor's; M = Master's; D = Doctorate

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