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November 2, 2010

Abbas Aminmansour, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Aminmansour:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to revise the curriculum and reduce the required minimum hours for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) degree.

This proposal has been approved by the Courses and Curricula Committee in FAA. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

Kristi A. Kuntz
Assistant Provost

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Enclosures

c: M. Edwards
C. Emmerling-DiNovo
M. Stone

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28 October 2010

Kristi Kuntz, Assistant Provost
Swanlund Administration Building
MC-304

Dear Kristi:

On behalf of the Courses and Curricula Committee of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, I am forwarding the attached proposal to revise the BLA degree in the Department of Landscape Architecture. The proposal has passed departmental and college review and is ready to be forwarded to the Senate.

Professor Carol Emmeling-DiNovo in the Department of Landscape Architecture, or I will be glad to answer questions you may have.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Cordially,

Marian Stone
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Academic Affairs

MS:jbpmm

Enc.

CC: Professor Mary Edwards, Chair, Courses and Curricula Committee

Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: To change the required minimum hours for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) degree.

SPONSOR: Carol Emmerling-DiNovo, Assistant Department Head, Department of Landscape Architecture. 217-244-0994. cemmer@illinois.edu

COLLEGE CONTACT: Marian Stone, Assistant Dean, College of Fine and Applied Arts. 217-333-6061. mastone@illinois.edu

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: To modify the number of hours required for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from 152 to 124. The Department proposes to change from a five-year program (with one academic year off-campus in an internship) to a four-year program (with one summer semester of internship). In addition the Department proposes to require 12 hours of Supporting Electives (instead of 15), to eliminate the requirement for Horticulture 302 – Woody Plant Identification 2, and to eliminate the requirement for LA 453 – Planting Design.

JUSTIFICATION: In part, this request was prompted by the lack of one-year professional internships resulting from current economic conditions. The shortage of extended internships was verified by contacting approximately 100 firms and agencies. It also appears that the five-year program had a negative impact on our enrollment. A four-year (plus a minimum one-semester summer internship) BLA program adequately prepares students for professional practice while allowing maximum flexibility.

The reduced number of required hours in Supporting Elective credit and elimination of the Horticulture course will result in a more manageable academic load for our students. The elimination of LA 453 – Planting Design 2 reflects current curricular emphases in other accredited landscape architecture programs. The revised BLA program will continue to be eligible for professional accreditation.

Existing Degree Program		Proposed Degree Program	
First year		First Year	
Hours	First Semester	First Semester	Hours
2	LA 101 – Intro to Landscape Architecture	LA 101 – Intro to Landscape Architecture	2
4	GEOG 103 – Earth's Physical	GEOG 103 – Earth's Physical	4

	Systems ¹ or GEOL 101 – Intro to Physical Geology	Systems ¹ or GEOL 101 – Intro to Physical Geology	
4	RHET 105 – Principles of Composition	RHET 105 – Principles of Composition	4
3	MATH 115 – Precalculus	MATH 115 – Precalculus	3
3	General Education Elective	General Education Elective	3
16	Total	Total	16

Hours	Second Semester	Second Semester	Hours
3	Social/Cultural Factors in Design Elective ²	Social/Cultural Factors in Design Elective ²	3
3	IB 102, 103 or 105 – Plant/Environmental Biology ¹	IB 102, 103 or 105 – Plant/Environmental Biology ¹	3
9	General Education Electives ³	General Education Electives ³	9
1	Elective (Discovery Course or other)		
16	Total	Total	15

Second Year		Second Year	
Hours	First Semester	First Semester	Hours
5	LA 233 – Foundation Design Studio	LA 233 – Foundation Design Studio	5
3	LA 250 – Environmental Site Analysis	LA 250 – Environmental Site Analysis	3
3	LA 280 – Design Communications I	LA 280 – Design Communications I	3
3	UP 101 – Planning of Cities and Regions	UP 101 – Planning of Cities and Regions	3
3	General Education Elective	General Education Elective	3
17	Total	Total	17

Hours	Second Semester	Second Semester	Hours
5	LA 234 – Site Design Studio	LA 234 – Site Design Studio	5
3	LA 241 – Landform Design & Construction	LA 241 – Landform Design & Construction	3
3	LA 281 – Design Communications II (Advanced Composition)	LA 281 – Design Communications II (Advanced Composition)	3
3	LA 314 – History of World Landscapes ⁴	LA 314 – History of World Landscapes ⁴	3
3	General Education Elective		
17	Total	Total	14

Third Year

Hours	First Semester	First Semester	Hours
5	LA 335 – Community & Open Space Studio	LA 335 – Community & Open Space Studio	5
4	LA 342 – Site Engineering	LA 342 – Site Engineering	4
4	HORT 301 – Woody Landscape Plants I	HORT 301 – Woody Landscape Plants I	4
3	Supporting elective ⁵	LA 346 – Professional Practice	2
15	Total	Total	14

Third Year

Hours	Second Semester	Second Semester	Hours
5	LA 336 – Design Workshop Studio 1	LA 336 – Design Workshop Studio 1	5
4	LA 343 – Landscape Construction	LA 343 – Landscape Construction	4
3	HORT 302 – Woody Landscape Plants II		
3	Supporting Electives ⁵	Supporting Electives ⁵	3
		General Education Elective	3
15	Total	Total	15

Summer Semester	Hours
LA 345 – Professional Internship	5
Total	5

Fourth Year

Hours	First Semester	First Semester	Hours
12	LA 345 – Professional Internship or LA 399 Off Campus Study	LA 437 – Regional Design Studio	5
		LA 452 – Natural Precedent in Planting	3
		Supporting electives ⁵	3
		Quantitative Reasoning II	3
12	Total	Total	14

Hours	Second Semester	Second Semester	Hours
12	LA 345 – Professional Internship or LA 399 Off Campus Study	LA 438 – Design Workshop Studio 2	5
		Supporting electives ⁵	6
		Electives	2
12	Total	Total	13

Fifth Year

Hours	First Semester
5	LA 437 – Regional Design Studio
3	LA 452 – Natural precedent in Planting
2	LA 346 – Professional Practice
3	Supporting electives ⁵
3	Quantitative Reasoning II
16	Total

Hours	Second Semester
3	LA 453 – Cultural Precedent in Planting
5	LA 438 – Design Workshop Studio 2
6	Supporting electives ⁵
2	Electives
16	Total

1. GEOG 103/GEOL 101 and IB 102, 103 or 105 fulfill the natural sciences and technology general education requirement for this curriculum.
2. Social/Cultural factors elective course options are LA 212, LA 215, LA 218, LA 220, LA 222, LA 242, LA 270, and LA 470.
3. General Education: See current University of Illinois [General Education requirements](#). Foreign Language Requirement 0 - 12 hours: Students entering the University of Illinois as freshmen in fall 2000 or later need to complete the foreign language requirement in order to graduate. To satisfy this requirement, students must complete a third semester level college foreign language course. This requirement may also be satisfied by three years of the same foreign language in high school. Students entering the University of Illinois without three years of the same foreign language in high school must take a foreign language placement test to determine the courses in which to enroll.
4. LA 315 is a Humanities and the Arts and Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) general education course
5. A minimum of 12 credit hours of professionally related courses selected from the department's recommended list of supporting electives is required, with a minimum of three credit hours in each of the categories of history, communications, techniques, and environment.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed: None. Less faculty time will be required to monitor interns in the summer than for an academic year. The change will reduce Department expenditures.

- b. Internal reallocations: The change will substantially diminish faculty workload during the academic year as most students will complete their internships in the summer semester. A faculty member with a twelve-month appointment will supervise the interns.
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments: Not applicable.
- d. Impact on the University Library: one.
- e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc: None.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: August 22, 2011.

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

Landscape Architecture

Landscape Architecture

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The Department of Landscape Architecture offers a four-year undergraduate curriculum, leading to the professional degree of Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, as well as a minor in Landscape Studies. The degree is accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB).

The curriculum is a balanced program of technical, design, and general education courses that prepares the student with the necessary skills for entry-level professional practice in private offices or public agencies. Program requirements include design studio courses and classes in construction, plants, history, engineering, and design communication. Following the third year, students complete a professional internship in the summer to further advance their knowledge of built landscapes and the practice of landscape architecture. The curriculum also includes a minimum of 12 hours of credit in supporting electives that are taken in related art and science courses. A total of 124 semester hours of credit are required for graduation.

A student must have and maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average and a 2.50 technical GPA based on grades in the following courses: LA 233, LA 234, LA 241, LA 250, LA280, LA 281, and LA 314.

The department's administrative office, upper-level studios, faculty offices, and classrooms are located in Temple Hoyne Buell Hall. The sophomore studio is located in Mumford Hall.

A semester-by-semester sequential listing of classes for this degree is available at the Department website (www.landarch.uiuc.edu/programs/bla/bla_index.aspx).

Curriculum in Landscape Architecture

For the Degree of Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Students seeking the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree must complete the [Campus General Education](#) requirements. Some required courses apply toward the General Education requirements.

Hours	Required Coursework
4	GEOG 103—Earth's Physical Systems ¹ or GEOL 101—Intro to Physical Geology ¹
4	HORT 301—Woody Landscape Plants I
3	IB 102, 103 or 105—Plant/Environmental Biology ¹
3	MATH 115 – Preparation for Calculus ¹
3	UP 101—Planning of Cities and Regions
2	LA 101—Intro to Landscape Architecture
5	LA 233—Foundation Design Studio
5	LA 234—Site Design Studio
3	LA 241—Landform Design & Construction
3	LA 250—Environmental Site Analysis
3	LA 280—Design Communications I
3	LA 281—Design Communications II ¹
3	LA 314—History of World Landscapes ¹
5	LA 335—Community & Open Space Studio
5	LA 336—Design Workshop Studio 1
4	LA 342—Site Engineering
4	LA 343—Landscape Construction
5	LA 345 - Professional Internship ² (<i>taken during a summer session</i>)
2	LA 346 – Professional Practice
5	LA 437—Regional Design Studio
5	LA 438—Design Workshop Studio 2
3	LA 452—Natural Precedent in Planting
3	Social/Cultural Factors in Design Elective ³
12	Supporting electives ⁴
Electives as needed to total 124 hours	

1. This course meets a General Education requirement.


2. To complete the professional internship requirement, students must complete one summer semester of LA 345.

3. Social/Cultural factors elective course options are LA 212, LA 215, LA 218, LA 220, LA 222, LA 242, LA 270, and LA 470.

4. A minimum of 12 credit hours of professionally related courses selected from the department's recommended list of supporting electives is required, with a minimum of three credit hours in each of the categories of history, communications, techniques, and environment.

CLEARANCES:

Signatures:


Unit Representative:

10.25.10
Date:


College Representative:

10-28-10
Date:

Graduate College Representative:

Date:

Provost Representative:

Date:

Educational Policy Committee Representative:

Date: