CAREER

Landscape architects examine civic environments and human activity and weave them together into a fabric of streets and open spaces, cultures and meaningful places, historically significant and emerging identities, social equity and economic viability. Urban design is a collaborative venture involving landscape architects, planners, architects, civil engineers, artists, developers, politicians, and residents. Understanding design at different scales is important ranging from block and neighborhood, to district and municipality. Each new scale introduces new complexities, issues and considerations. Students studying urban design visit outstanding examples in Baltimore, Washington DC, and New York City. They also visit professional offices and talk with practicing professionals who visit the studio and give feedback on design solutions.

EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

- **Urban Design Practice**  
  Design Collective, Mahan Rykiel, Ayers Saint Gross  
  EDSA, International, Gehme van Sweden, OLIN  
  Michael Vergason Landscape Architects, HOK  
  Tode Design, Land Collective, Snohetta, West 8  
  Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Design Workshop  
  James Corner Field Operations, Hargreaves Associates  
  Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects, Andropogon  
  MESA Design Group, M. Paul Friedberg Partners

- **Municipal and State Agencies**  
  GSA, Planning and Zoning, Transportation

- **Non-profit Organizations**  
  Neighborhood Design Center, Urban Land Institute

RELATED COURSEWORK

- LARC 141 Design Fundamentals Studio  
- LARC 221 Digital Design Tools  
- LARC 320 Principles of Site Engineering  
- LARC 321 Landscape Structures and Materials  
- LARC 340 Site Planning and Design Studio  
- LARC 389 Internship/Study Abroad  
- LARC 420 Professional Practice  
- LARC 440 Urban Design Studio  
- LARC 470 Landscape Architecture Seminar
Professional Practice
Landscape Architect Career Path

Private Office

Entry Level ($45-60K)
Design - Graphic Presentations
Construction Details - Site Layout
Specifications - Site Inventory & Analysis
Computer-aided Design (CAD)
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Project Manager ($60-85K)
Design - Quality Control
Technical Supervision - Budgeting
Construction Management
Cost Estimation

Associate ($85-110K)
Design - Client Communication
Proposal Submission
Project Supervision

Principal/President ($110K+)
Design - Hiring Decisions
New Directions - Marketing
Client Communication

Public Agency ($ varies)
Non-Profit Org. ($ varies)

Licensing
Licensed landscape architects have a duty to protect the safety, health, property, and welfare of the public. A license is necessary for the purposes of sealing and signing all final drawings, plans, specifications, reports, and other contract documents used for public permitting and final construction. To apply for a license, you need an accredited degree in landscape architecture, to pass the national exam, and complete a 2-year apprenticeship.

Accredited Degree Requirement
University of Maryland Landscape Architecture is a nationally accredited landscape architecture degree program.

National Licensing Exam (LARE)
Must complete:

Section 1: Project and Construction Management
Section 2: Inventory and Analysis
Section 3: Design
Section 4: Grading, Drainage and Construction Documentation

2-year Apprenticeship
Individuals must work for two years in the field of landscape architecture under the responsible charge of a licensed landscape architect.