



Introduction

The Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) requires landscape architecture programs to provide the public with consistent and reliable information about them. Programs must report on accreditation status, costs, demographics and performance. This information may help potential students make informed decisions on selecting a place to study landscape architecture.

Accreditation

The BLA first professional degree conferred by the Department of Landscape Architecture is accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB). It was last accredited in April 2016. The length of the BLA program is nine semesters done within four academic years.

Costs for Full-Time BLA Student – Academic Year 2023-2024

(estimated based on 16 credit hours each for two semesters)

-Arkansas Resident Tuition – \$11,760

-Tuition for Non-Resident – \$34,400

-For details, see <http://treasurer.uark.edu>

-Prospective students from bordering states to Arkansas, as well as Georgia, Illinois, and Kansas may get up to a ninety percent discount on out of state tuition rate, see <https://scholarships.uark.edu/nrtal/index.php>

University Fees – \$1,745

Study Abroad Fees – \$1,356

Telefees* – \$1,018 (Teaching Equipment and Laboratory Enhancement (TELE) fees)

Books – \$1,046 remained the same according to the fee estimates for 2018-19

Supplies (estimated) – \$100

Field Trips (estimated) – \$1,500

University Room and Board (estimated) – \$11,210

Demographics

Fall 2023, 53% of BLA students were male; 47% were female

Student Progress

At the end of the first semester of the second-year in the BLA program, each student is required to submit a portfolio of their work for consideration of acceptance in the professional program. In addition to passing the portfolio review, students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and completed all professional program courses with a grade of C- or better.

In Fall 2023 each student that submitted and portfolio and chose to continue, continued in the program.

All students in the past four years have gone into jobs upon the completion of their degree. Starting salaries ranged from an average of around \$55,000 to highs around \$70,000 for starting salaries.

Student Scholarships and Recognition

In Spring 2023, twenty students were awarded a total of \$35,000 in scholarships. In 2024, \$54,000 in scholarships are projected.



Student Recognition

University of Arkansas students typically place well in the ASLA Central States Region for their planning, design, and built work. Recent award-winners:

Hagen Rushing won an Honor Award in Commercial Design for “Café Rue” in Fayetteville. “Cafe Rue” is a commercial design project with a focus on biophilia and ecosystem services.

Emily Finley and Lillyan Priest won an Honor Award in Analysis and Planning for “Sutures of the Rio Grande / Bravo: Restoring Access Through History & Ecology” in the Lower Rio Grande / Rio Bravo Valley along the border of Texas and Mexico. The project aims to heal the regional divide between the United States and Mexico by restoring and reconnecting access to the river through historic landscape geometries.

Charles Goodgame won a Merit Award in Parks, Recreation and Open Space Design for “Re-Connection: AGFC” in Springdale. The project focuses on the J.B. and Johnelle Hunt Family Ozark Highlands Nature Center, which is operated by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, as it aims to restore Bobwhite quail habitat through the integration of prairie land and to restore the connection between people and ecology.

Landyn Green won a Merit Award in Parks, Recreation and Open Space Design for “Reconcile + Renew: J.B. & Johnelle Hunt Family Ozark Highlands Nature Center” in Springdale. The design strives to continue the conservation efforts of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission through enhancing Arkansas fish and wildlife habitats while promoting sustainable use and public understanding. It also enhances relationships between people and the natural environment.

Joiner Dotson and Saba Rostami-Shirazi won a Merit Award in Parks, Recreation and Open Space Design for “Habitat Loops: Regenerating the Urban Meanders of the Rio Grande / Bravo” in the binational metropolitan area of Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas. “Habitat Loops” is an exploration into how to reimagine the relationships with the border and the Rio Grande / Rio Bravo Valley through renaturalized corridors and parks. This project dives into creating equitable spaces for both people and wildlife with the catalyst of birdwatching.

Emily Booth, Cada Fischer, Noah Geels, Charles Goodgame, Landyn Green, John Ivy, Dawson Oakley, Brett Paris, Hagen Rushing, Aaron Schlosser, Celstene Sebag, Jessica Shearman, Winnie Vanlandingham, Kobee Wade and Reed Waters won a Merit Award in Analysis and Planning for “Remediate & Renew: The Campus Resource for Water, Food, and Engagement” in Fayetteville. “Remediate & Renew” redesigns the landscape surrounding Vol Walker Hall, home to the Fay Jones School, as well as the building’s existing green roof and two new green roof opportunities. It engages two issues related to campus and the region: stormwater mitigation and food insecurity.

Oliver Right, Kaiden Couffer and Isaiah Wright won a Merit Award in Analysis and Planning (Student) for “Eureka Springs School of the Arts Site Revitalization” in Eureka Springs.

Admission Class Size

Fall 2021 - 12

Fall 2022 - 27

Fall 2023 – 31



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Program Size

Fall 2021 - 52

Fall 2022 - 67

Fall 2023 – 78

Graduating Class Size

2021 - 6

2022 – 4

2023– 4

Licensure

<https://www.labor.arkansas.gov/licensing/state-board-of-architects-landscape-architects-interior-designers/landscape-architects/>

Application to the University of Arkansas

<https://admissions.uark.edu/apply/index.php>

About the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design

<http://fayjones.uark.edu/people/future-students/index.php>