

BECOME A: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT



What is a Landscape Architect?

Landscape architects create the landscape around us. They plan, design and manage open spaces including both natural and built environments.

In this role you will produce practical, attractive spaces for every aspect of our lives, from car parks to playgrounds, green spaces in cities to housing developments or wildlife conservation areas.

Landscape architecture is a combination of natural and man-made elements, that together make places for people and animals to exist within.

As a landscape architect, you will usually work in one of five areas:

- Landscape design
- Landscape management
- Landscape science
- Landscape planning
- Urban design

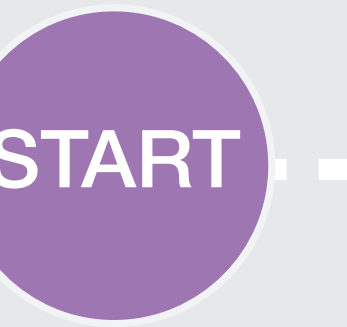
GCSE's

Apart from good grades in English ,Maths and Science, you won't need to have specific GCSE (or equivalent) subjects.

A-levels

Due to the wide breadth of the profession there are no absolutely essential subjects for gaining entry to a course but any mixture of the following could prove useful:

Art, Geography, Biology, Graphic Design, English, Chemistry, Physics, Design, Technology, ICT and History.



Undergraduate Degree 3 Year Full Time Study (Part Time options are available)

A 3 year full time undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture usually gives students an opportunity to develop a broad range of skills.

Courses are designed to train people for a demanding professional context, while recognising that some graduates will eventually move into other career directions.

Skills:



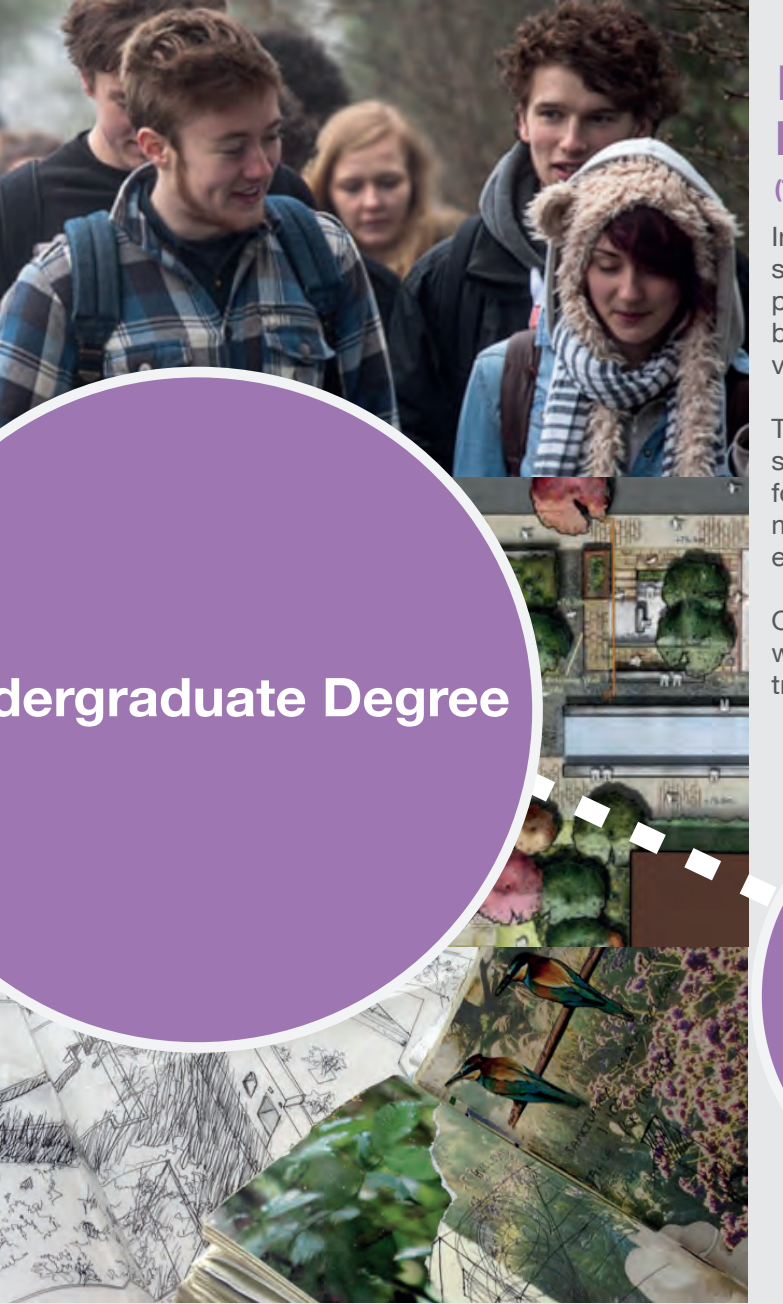
'During the course, I have had the opportunity to work with real clients, designing space for college students. It was a great experience to listen to their thoughts. Because it was their own space, they had a solid idea of what would and wouldn't work.'

Undergraduate Student

Entry Requirments

University Landscape Architecture departments will typically express their offer in terms of the UCAS tariffs, and the offers vary between departments. It is therefore necessary to check requirements with individual schools.

Departments do pay attention to the mix of subjects chosen for A levels or alternative qualifications. Ideally they prefer a mix of creative / practice based subject choices with mainstream academic subjects.



Practical Experience (Typically 1 Year)

Internships are designed to give students an opportunity to gain practical experience from businesses or agencies in the various areas of the industry.

Typically one-year in duration, some students choose to work for longer than one year to save money or to gain additional experience.

Other students take time out to work overseas, volunteer or travel.



* The Landscape Institute



Post-graduate Degree 1 Year Full Time Study (Part time options are available)

A further **one or two years**, full-time Masters or other specialist course.

Students may choose to return to the department where they completed the undergraduate degree or may apply to another university, dependant on the specific specialisms of the chosen course.



'The course was much more varied than I though it would be, we learnt all sorts of things'

Post-graduate Student



Chartership

Once you have completed your post - graduate university degree, you will automatically become a licentiate member of the Landscape Institute.

When you start your first role in practice you will continue to learn. After 1-2 years you will typically start thinking about becoming a fully Chartered andscape professional.

*Chartered Landscape Architect (The Landscape Institute)

Interested?

The Doncaster Civic Trust student bursary scheme encourages Doncaster students to consider the opportunities that exist to study the built and natural environment by offering cash bursaries.

The Doncaster Civic Trust student bursary scheme helps Doncaster students pay their tuition fees by offering cash grants of up to £1000 a year for the duration of their studies in built environment subjects.

For more details and how to apply visit:
www.doncastercivictrust.org.uk



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