The Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) is a first professional degree that can be completed along two pathways. Each of these pathways allow students the option to pursue a thesis if desired and if they meet the necessary prerequisites as determined by the faculty.

**Path A**
3-year Program (BA in various backgrounds - no previous study/degree in landscape architecture)

- Non-Thesis = 85 hrs coursework
- Thesis = 85 hrs (79 hrs graduate coursework + 6 hrs of LAR 500)

**Path B**
2-year Program (BA/BS in landscape design or related design fields such as architecture, urban design, interior design. Proof of a minimum of one year of studio design experience required)

- Non-Thesis = 58 hrs grad coursework
- Thesis = 58 hrs (52 hrs grad coursework + 6 hrs of 500 thesis)

*Electives:*
In addition to the required core courses shown, students must complete the following to satisfy the requirements of the MLA I degree:

- 12 hours of Open Elective credits. Students are encouraged to work with faculty advisors to choose courses that will best complement their specific degree trajectory.