

## Master of Landscape Architecture Program

### LAAB-required public program information (as of November 10, 2024)

#### 1) Program mission and goals:

The Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa prepares its graduates to become leaders of the next generation of landscape architects. Trained in the extraordinary Hawaiian landscape, students are equipped with emerging tools and strategies needed to enhance a beautiful, resilient, and healthy built environment. As the only professional landscape architecture program in Hawai'i, situated within a Carnegie R1 land, sea, space, and sun grant university, the MLA advances contemporary urban landscape design teaching, theory, and practice in the state and tropical Asia-Pacific coastal regions with a dedicated focus on ecological and social sustainability by design.

The MLA program's goals and objectives include:

- Good Design
- Vision, Excellence & Innovation
- Relevance & Impact
- Multidisciplinary, Integrated Collaboration
- Professional Competence & Leadership
- Resilience & Ecological Sustainability
- Social & Environmental Justice
- Aloha Spirit
- Continued Growth

#### 2) MLA accreditation status

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its February 9, 2023, meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the professional MLA degree at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The program is next scheduled for LAAB review during fall 2028.

#### 3) Cost of attendance

The estimated program cost for a full-time MLA student is comprised of:

- Tuition & fees: [http://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/tuition\\_fees/](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/tuition_fees/)
- General UHM student budget info: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/fas/cost/>
- Cost of attendance: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/fas/cost/2024-2025-cost-of-attendance/>  
Additionally, there is a required computer purchase.
- The MLA participates in UHM's WICHE/WRGP tuition program:  
<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/wiche-program/>

#### 4) Student achievement

Please refer to the MLA program's Instagram feed for a record of and frequent updates on MLA student achievement: [https://www.instagram.com/uh\\_mla/](https://www.instagram.com/uh_mla/)

## 5) Student retention and graduation rates:

Persistence by program (MLA) and major (landscape architecture) available for 2018 – 2023, per UHM Institutional Research Office (MIRO) database

### Total Persistence by Academic Unit

Year	Headcount	Stayed in program		Stayed in major		Stayed in department		Stayed in college		Stayed in institution	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2018	7	6	85.7%	6	85.7%	6	85.7%	6	85.7%	6	85.7%
2019	11	10	90.9%	10	90.9%	11	100.0%	11	100.0%	11	100.0%
2020	16	16	100.0%	16	100.0%	16	100.0%	16	100.0%	16	100.0%
2021	18	16	88.9%	16	88.9%	16	88.9%	16	88.9%	16	88.9%
2022	18	18	100.0%	18	100.0%	18	100.0%	18	100.0%	18	100.0%
2023	19	17	89.5%	17	89.5%	17	89.5%	17	89.5%	17	89.5%

## 6) Number of degrees granted per year:

To date, the MLA program has granted the following numbers of degrees:

- 2021: seven (7) MLA degrees
- 2022: three (3) MLA degrees
- 2023: six (6) MLA degrees
- 2024: four (4) MLA degrees

## 7) Percentage of students with timely graduation (master's students graduating within four years):

All 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 MLA graduates completed the program in a timely manner (100%).

## 8) Post-graduation employment types and rates

As of November 2024, the MLA program's graduates to date fall into the following employment categories:

- Private practice: 15 (75%)
- Public practice: 2 (10%)
- Design build: 1 (5%)
- Advanced study/research: 1 (5%)
- Teaching: 1 (5%)

## 9) Licensure info and requirements

- ASLA info on landscape architectural licensure: <https://www.asla.org/licensure.aspx>
- Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB): <https://www.clarb.org/>
- State of Hawaii-specific information:  
Hawaii Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects <https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/engineer/>  
(808) 586-2702, [pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov](mailto:pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov)  
Title 25. Chapter 464. Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects  
Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 16, Chapter 115, Subchapter 5