MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN

The Master of Professional Studies in the field of landscape design program is ideally suited for landscape professionals seeking to upgrade skills, individuals who wish to become professional landscape designers, amateurs with an interest in the art of garden design, institutional horticultural staff, nursery employees and garden-design writers. Courses are geared to small-scale landscape design applications with emphasis on sound design principles, good site engineering methods, and creative use of plant materials.

The 46-credit program combines the 28-credit landscape design graduate certificate program with the 18-credit graduate certificate in sustainable landscapes. Students acquire an understanding of best practices in landscape conservation and sustainability, adapted to the small-scale landscape.

Specific admission requirements can be found on the Graduate Program Finder (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs). Visit the program website (https://cps.gwu.edu/landscape-design) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 46 credits in required courses.

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PSLD 6262 Tools for Sustainable Design
PSLD 6264 Native Plants I
PSLD 6265 Native Plants II
PSLD 6266 Ecological Restoration
PSLD 6268 Sustainable Design Methods
PSLD 6269 Sustenance and the Landscape
PSLD 6270 Sustainable Design Charrette

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*Elective credits are taken in addition to those required for the degree. Special Topics courses address new developments in the field (e.g., Vectorworks I and II).

See CPS regulations (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/professional-studies/#regulationstext) for additional information regarding enrollment status and time limits.

FACULTY

Director A. Ashkar

EXPLANATION OF COURSE NUMBERS

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000s to 4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master’s, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office
PSLD 6100. Landscape Graphics. 1 Credit.
PSLD 6201. Introduction to Design. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6202. Site Analysis. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6203. Site Engineering. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6204. Construction Methods and Materials. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6205. Digital Representation for Landscape Design. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6212. History of Landscape Design. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6213. Contemporary Themes in the Landscape. 1 Credit.
Current thinking and trends in shaping the landscape.
PSLD 6221. Landscape Plants for Fall. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6223. Landscape Plants for Spring. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6225. Landscape Plants for Summer. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6229. Herbaceous Plants. 1 Credit.
PSLD 6231. Site Design Studio. 4 Credits.
The interaction of the design concept and the various factors and circumstances that dictate or moderate that particular concept in the garden design process. The process that transforms abstract design principles, ordering principles, and spatial organizations previously learned into a specific garden design. Graphics demonstrations and exercises to further develop visual and graphic communication skills.
PSLD 6236. Planting Design Studio. 4 Credits.
PSLD 6240. Comprehensive Project. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6260. Introduction to Sustainable Design. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6261. Ecology of the Built Environment. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6262. Tools for Sustainable Design. 3 Credits.
PSLD 6264. Native Plants I. 2 Credits.
Identification and use of native plant species that are sustainable due to their evolution as part of its local ecosystem.
PSLD 6265. Native Plants II. 1 Credit.
Continuation of PSLD 6264. Identification and use of native plant species that are sustainable due to their evolution as part of its local ecosystem.
PSLD 6266. Ecological Restoration. 1 Credit.
PSLD 6268. Sustainable Design Methods. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6269. Sustenance and the Landscape. 2 Credits.
PSLD 6270. Sustainable Design Charrette. 3 Credits.