What can I do with my Major?

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

This major in the Department of Plant Science provides instruction in site planning and design, landscape history, plan graphics and presentation, and the use of plants and other features to enrich exterior spaces. Through seminars, practicums, and internships, students learn to apply theory to actual case studies. Students may pursue careers in landscape architecture and related fields or apply for graduate programs in landscape architecture and planning. The State Board of Higher Education approved the Landscape Architecture major based on expansion of facilities, curriculum revision, and specialized accreditation by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

All students take classes in soils, architecture, horticulture, design theory, history, site engineering, contracts, and construction methods. Students are usually interested in art (proficient in graphic design) and problem solving and have general knowledge of landscape materials and the capabilities of the land.

NATURE OF WORK

Landscape architects play a vital role in the preservation of the environment by designing, planning, and managing the land. They are not only concerned with the beauty of the design but also the environmental impact and best use of the land. They have to know about soil erosion, plant and animal relationships, and noise-absorbing vegetation. They usually spend most of their time on-site working on sketches, specifications, and budgetary requirements and eventually build a working model of the project. They prepare reports with detailed graphics and make presentations on the feasibility of projects to their clients.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Visit O*Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

- Landscape Architect
- Architectural Drafter
- Urban Planner
- Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
- Land Planner
- Landscape Designer
- First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers

UCONN RESOURCES

- Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture
- American Society of Landscape Architects

OTHER RESOURCES

- American Society of Landscape Architects
- Landscape Architecture