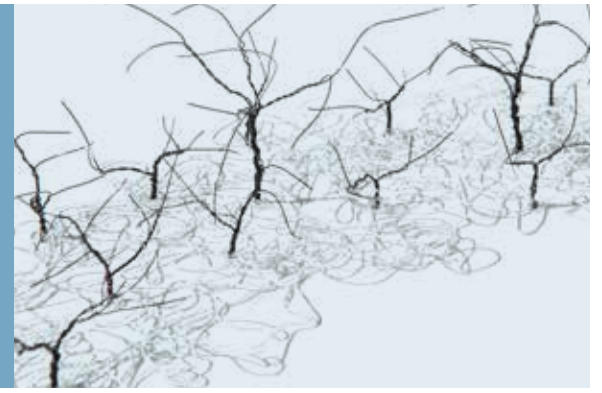


LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

TRANSFERS + CHANGE OF MAJOR/CAMPUS

ADMISSION BY ESSAY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT BY PORTFOLIO



PROCESS

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TRANSFERS

CHANGE OF MAJOR/CAMPUS

STEP 1 – PENN STATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION APPLICATION

Undergraduate admissions application is required for transfer students. Apply at admissions.psu.edu

STEP 2 – PREPARE COVER LETTER + ESSAY

Cover Letter (1 page)

- Address to Eliza Pennypacker, Department Head.
- Tell us about yourself: describe your journey in your education and why you are considering a change.

Essay (3–5 pages)

- Why are you interested in entering the landscape architecture profession?
- What personal aptitudes do you possess that demonstrate why you're suited to becoming a landscape architect?
- What about Penn State Landscape Architecture most interests you?

STEP 3 – SUBMIT COVER LETTER + ESSAY VIA SLIDEROOM

- Submit materials at stuckemanpsu.slideroom.com by November 30 for priority admission consideration for fall semester. Submissions will be accepted through February 15 on a rolling basis.

After letter and essay review, successful candidates will be selected. At that point you can enter in the first year, or apply via portfolio for advanced placement into the second year of the structured Landscape Architecture curriculum.

PORTFOLIO + SIP OPTION

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REQUIREMENTS BY INTENDED YEAR OF ENTRY

Accepted students wishing to enter at 1st Year: No portfolio or additional steps are required.

Welcome to Penn State Landscape Architecture as a first year student!

Accepted students wishing to enter at 2nd Year: Portfolio submission required (also via SlideRoom)

- You must submit a portfolio for consideration to enter as a second year student. **Portfolio should illustrate mastery of basic graphic techniques, knowledge of spatial composition, and design fundamentals (see bit.ly/PennStateSIP).**
- All portfolios will be reviewed and students will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for recommendation to first- or second-year placement.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PORTFOLIO, BUT YOU'RE STILL INTERESTED IN ADVANCED STANDING?

MEET SIP – THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM (bit.ly/PennStateSIP)

- SIP is a one-month program in early summer to offer a potential fast track through the first-year curriculum.
- Intended to assist Change of Major/Campus and Transfer students by offering 1 intensive, cost-effective month of skills/knowledge building that will help you craft a portfolio for second-year placement consideration.
- SIP costs less than 10% of the full academic year in-state tuition rate (SIP 2016: \$2850 resident/\$1500 commuter).

MORE INFO

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CONTACTS

- Erica Quinn, Stuckeman School Academic Adviser | 814-865-5985 | stuckemanadviser@psu.edu

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- stuckeman.psu.edu/larch/what-landscape-architecture
- asla.org/yourpath

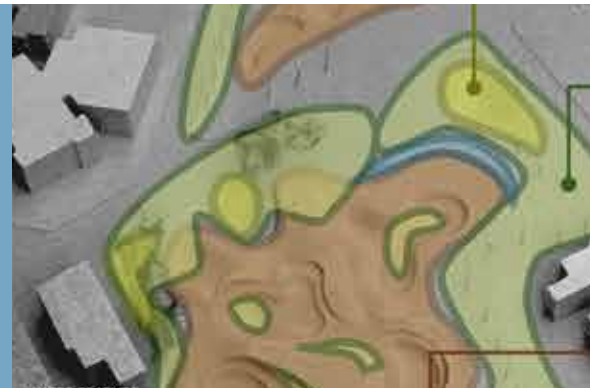


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SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM

CONCEPTS + FOUNDATIONS FOR TRANSFER/COM STUDENTS



OVERVIEW

1 MONTH NOT 1 YEAR

The Penn State Landscape Architecture Summer Intensive Program (SIP) lets you accomplish in one month what normally takes a full year. By successfully completing SIP, you will have gained a strong foundation in visualization and design, so that you can confidently begin our BLA program at second year level. You will build knowledge and skills in graphic techniques and conventions, freehand sketching, and digital strategies. SIP also introduces concepts of spatial composition in the landscape. It's a full year of learning packed into one intensive, cost-effective month!

BENEFITS

LESS TIME: FAST TRACK THROUGH THE CONTENT OF FIRST YEAR STUDIOS IN ONE MONTH, NOT ONE YEAR

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING: LEARN VISUALIZATION + SPATIAL DESIGN SKILLS NEEDED FOR SECOND YEAR WORK

GRADUATE SOONER: REDUCE TIME-TO-DEGREE BY UP TO A FULL YEAR

SAVE MONEY: THIS PROGRAM COSTS LESS THAN 10% OF THE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR IN-STATE TUITION RATE

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

GRAPHIC TECHNIQUES + VISUALIZATION

- Plan graphics in black/white and color
- Section/elevation construction and rendering
- Perspective construction and rendering
- Freehand sketching
- Digital photomontage design simulations using Photoshop
- Digital presentation board design using InDesign

SPATIAL COMPOSITION + DESIGN

- Basic design vocabulary
- Components of spatial composition
- Spatial design in the landscape

SIP will provide an opportunity for you to gain the skills and knowledge needed for second-year coursework.

DETAILS + MORE INFO

KEY DATES

- 2016 SIP program dates: **01–29 June 2016** (Resident check-in: 31 May; check-out: 30 June)
- SIP Application + \$500 Deposit Due: **01 May 2016**

PROGRAM COSTS

Costs listed below are best projections at time of publication and are subject to change.

- Resident (program fee, room, and board included): **\$2850**
- Non-resident/commuter (program fee only): **\$1500**

ELIGIBILITY

- Transfer and Change of Major/Campus students who have been accepted into the Penn State BLA program, and have completed a minimum of 30 transferable credits at Penn State or another university.

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APPLICATION/ADMISSION STEPS TRANSFER + CHANGE OF MAJOR DECISION PATHS



INITIAL STEPS

COMMON FOR ALL TRANSFER + CHANGE OF MAJOR/CAMPUS STUDENTS

TIMING	ACTION
01 SEP	Rolling Application Period Begins
30 NOV	Application Reviews Begin
15 FEB	Final Application Deadline
22 FEB	Application Reviews Complete
01 MAR	Admission Offers Sent (Early offers may be sent on a rolling basis throughout the review/offer period)

YOU HAVE AN OFFER! NOW WHAT?

PICK A PATH
ENTER AS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT OR SEEK ADVANCED STANDING VIA PORTFOLIO OR SIP PROGRAM

	1 ST YEAR AUTOMATIC STANDING	2 ND YEAR ADVANCED STANDING VIA PORTFOLIO	2 ND YEAR ADVANCED STANDING VIA SIP PROGRAM
TIMING	ACTION	ACTION	ACTION
15 MAR	Offer Acceptance Due Indicate Decision Path (1 st Year Entry)	Offer Acceptance Due Indicate Decision Path (Consideration via Portfolio)	Offer Acceptance Due Indicate Decision Path (Consideration via SIP)
08 APR		Portfolio Deadline Upload to Slideroom	
15 APR		Portfolio Reviews Completed Decision notifications sent <i>If portfolio is accepted you will enter with advanced standing</i> <i>If portfolio is rejected you can accept 1st year standing or seek advanced standing via SIP</i>	
01 MAY		Select 1st year entry –or– \$500 SIP Deposit Due	\$500 SIP Deposit Due
31 MAY		SIP Payment in Full Due	SIP Payment in Full Due
JUNE		Participate in SIP <i>If successful @ SIP, you will enter with advanced standing, if not, you will enter at 1st year</i>	Participate in SIP <i>If successful @ SIP, you will enter with advanced standing, if not, you will enter at 1st year</i>
AUGUST	Classes Begin	Classes Begin	Classes Begin

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