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

• 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: $1500 program fee).

CONTACTS

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• stuckeman.psu.edu/larch/what-landscape-architecture

• asla.org/yourpath

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

• Submit materials by email to larch@psu.edu by November 30 for priority consideration for fall semester. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis. Review begins February 15.

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.
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!

**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.

**KEY DATES**
- SIP program dates: 01–30 June
- SIP Application + $500 Deposit Due: 01 May

**PROGRAM COSTS**
- Cost below is best projection at time of publication and are subject to change until 01 March of offered year.
- Program fee: $1500 (Includes: 24/7 studio and technology access, all instruction, and special events)

**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.

**QUESTIONS? READY TO APPLY? CONTACT:**
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## Application/Admission Steps

### Transfer + Change of Major Decision Paths

### Initial Steps

- **Common for All Transfer + Change of Major/Campus Students**

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### You Have an Offer! Now What?

#### Pick a Path
- Enter as a First Year Student or Seek Advanced Standing Via Portfolio or SIP Program

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