

Entry Requirements

Candidates interested to pursue the Master of Landscape Architecture degree must fulfill the requirements listed below:

- i) Satisfy the general requirements of USM's graduate school.
- ii) Candidates should hold a first degree with a minimum CGPA of 2.75 and above in **any** of the following:

Either

- (a) Bachelor of Landscape Architecture.

Or

- (b) Bachelor degree from Universiti Sains Malaysia OR from other universities in related built environment fields (design based) such as Architecture, Interior Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning.

Or

- (c) Bachelor degree from Universiti Sains Malaysia OR from other universities in related built environment fields (non-design based) such as Quantity Survey, Construction Management, Building Surveying, Building Technology, and other related fields such as Engineering, Botany, Horticulture, Geography, Park and Recreation Management, etc.

- iii) Other academic and professional qualifications acceptable by USM.

Course Structure

The full-time programme offers Three (3) Study Tracks for candidates from different backgrounds. The course structure for each Study Track is as below:

Master of Landscape Architecture Programme		Units
<i>Track 1</i>	<i>For candidates with Bachelor of Landscape Architecture</i>	
	Core Courses	42
	Additional Courses	0
	Total	42
<i>Track 2</i>	<i>For candidates with Bachelor degree in related built environment fields (design based)</i>	
	Core Courses	42
	Additional Courses	9
	Total	51
<i>Track 3</i>	<i>For candidates with Bachelor degree in related built environment fields (non-design based)</i>	
	Core Courses	42
	Additional Courses	22
	Total	64

The program consists of the following courses:

A. Compulsory Courses (42 units)

Code	Title	Unit	Semester
RLS 600	Landscape Architecture Studio 1	5	1
RLS 601	Landscape Architecture Studio 2	5	2
RLK 650	Landscape Resource Management	2	2
RLK 660	GIS and CAD for Landscape Architecture	3	1
RLK 661	Landscape Horticulture	2	2
RLK 663	Landscape Construction	3	1
RLK 664	Hydrology and Watershed Management	2	2
RLS 700	Landscape Architecture Studio 3	5	1
RLS 701	Landscape Architecture Studio 4	5	2
RLK 720	Environmental Impact Assessment	2	2
RLK 750	Legislation Aspects and Professional Practice	2	1
RLL 770	Landscape Architecture Research Project	6	1 & 2

B. Additional Courses (9 - 22 units)

Code	Title	Unit	Semester
RLS 500	Landscape Architecture Graphic Studio *	5	2
RLG 530	Land Survey Methods *	3	1
RLK 530	Urban Pattern and Design *	3	1
RLK 550	Landscape and Recreational Planning *	2	2
RLK 640	Principles and Philosophy of Landscape Architecture **	2	2
RLK 641	History of Landscape Architecture **	2	1
RLK 662	Landscape Plants **	2	2
RLK 760	Ecology and Built Environment **	3	1

* *Additional courses required for all candidates of Study Track 3*

** *Additional courses required for all candidates of Study Track 2 and 3*

Course Approach

The Master of Landscape Architecture in USM is a taught course programme and is offered as full-time only.

The full-time programme covers a minimum of two-year academic session (4 semesters) and a maximum of four-year academic session (8 semesters) for candidates of study track 1 and 2. While the candidates of study track 3 may take minimum duration of 2.5 years of academic session (5 semesters) and maximum duration of five-year academic session (10 semesters).

The curriculum emphasizes on the Problem Solving-based and Competency-based Learning, especially for Studio courses. Other modes of teaching include lectures, workshops, seminars, discussions, crit sessions, and assignments.

Assessment is made on the basis of coursework and examination at the end of every semester. For research projects, candidates are required to submit a dissertation and attend a viva session.

Master of Landscape Architecture Courses by Semester

YEAR 1			
Semester 2			Units
		RLK 530 - Urban Pattern and Design *	3
		RLS 500 - Landscape Architecture Graphic Studio *	5
		RLK 550 - Landscape and Recreational Planning *	2
Total Units			10
YEAR 2			
Semester 2	Units	Semester 2	Units
RLG 530 - Land Survey Methods *	3	RLK 640 - Principles and Philosophy of Landscape Architecture **	2
RLS 600 - Landscape Architecture Studio 1	5	RLS 601 - Landscape Architecture Studio 2	5
RLK 660 - GIS and CAD for Landscape Architecture	3	RLK 661 - Landscape Horticulture	2
RLK 663 - Landscape Construction	3	RLK 664 - Hydrology and Watershed Management	2
RLK 641 - History of Landscape Architecture**	2	RLK 650 - Landscape Resource Management	2
		RLK 662 - Landscape Plants **	2
Total Units		Total Units	
	16		15
YEAR 3			
Semester 2	Units	Semester 2	Units
RLK 760 - Ecology and Built Environment **	3	RLS 701 - Landscape Architecture Studio 4	5
RLS 700 - Landscape Architecture Studio 3	5	RLK 720 - Environmental Impact Assessment	2
RLK 750 - Legislation Aspects and Professional Practice	2	RLL 770 - Landscape Architecture Research Project	3
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Total Units		Total Units	
	13		10

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** Additional courses required for all candidates of Study Track 2 and 3