THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Landscape Architecture Technical Elective Update

TO	Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Programs
FROM	Cory Matyas, Assistant Dean for Curriculum & Assessment
DATE	October 13, 2026
ACTION TYPE	Informational Item - College Record of Support

ITEM OVERVIEW

The BS in Landscape Architecture will update its degree audit so that all LARCH courses at the 4 and 5000-level automatically satisfy technical elective requirements. The change is intended to provide greater flexibility for students, ensure consistent recognition of upper-level LARCH coursework, and simplify degree-audit administration.

COLLEGE REVIEW AND ACTION

The Engineering College Committee on Academic Affairs met on October 13, 2026 and reviewed this as an informational item. There were no questions or concerns and a College-level record of support for this proposal was created.

Knowlton — School

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
Vice Provost W. Randy Smith
Council of Academic Affairs
Office of Academic Affairs
203 Bricker Hall
190 North Oval Mall
Columbus, OH 43210

Re: Update to Elective Credits on Degree Audit

Dear Vice Provost W. Randy Smith,

On behalf of the Knowlton School's Landscape Architecture Bachelor's Program, I am pleased to submit the following program change for the Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture program. This letter serves to outline the details and reasoning behind this change.

We are updating the degree audit to automatically count all LARCH courses numbered 4000–5999 as technical elective credits. This update will provide students with greater flexibility in selecting advanced LARCH coursework and ensure that relevant upper-level courses are consistently recognized within the technical elective category. It will also streamline degree-audit processing by allowing any qualifying LARCH course within this range to count automatically, rather than requiring individual course review or manual adjustments.

This change does not alter the degree requirements, curriculum content, total credit hours, or program learning outcomes.

Our curriculum revision has been informed by section and school leadership, including a vote during the Academic Affairs meeting on September 15, 2026.

The Landscape Architecture Section looks forward to working with you to implement our proposed program change for the Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture program. Please contact me with any questions or requested revisions.

Sincerely,

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