The Knowlton School of Architecture is proposing a new entry point for students to complete its Master of Landscape Architecture degree, allowing advanced placement consideration for students with an undergraduate degree in architecture and who can demonstrate advanced design skills.

The proposal was received by the Graduate School on 17 January 2019. It was reviewed by the combined GS/CAA Curriculum subcommittee, co-chaired by Associate Dean Shari Speer and Faculty Fellow Jennifer Schlueter, on 4 March 2019 and was moved forward to the Graduate Council, where the proposal was reviewed and unanimously approved by that body on 29 March 2019.
TO: Council on Academic Affairs

FROM: Landscape Architecture Section

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DATE: January 17, 2019

RE: Master of Landscape Architecture Advanced Placement Proposal

The Landscape Architecture section is proposing a new entry point for students to complete the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree. Advanced placement consideration would be given to students with a degree in architecture, such as Bachelor of Science in Architecture or Master of Architecture, who can demonstrate advanced design skills. It should be noted that this is not a new degree, but a modification of admission requirements for students possessing specific prerequisite course work.

The attached documents include 1) details of the proposal, 2) the current curriculum sheet with proposed changes indicated in red, and 3) the final proposed curriculum.
1. Designation of the new degree program and rationale for that designation
   The Landscape Architecture section is proposing a new entry point for students to complete the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree. Advanced placement consideration will be given to students with a degree in architecture such as BSARCH or MArch who can demonstrate advanced design skills. It should be noted that this is not a new degree, but a modification of admission requirements for students possessing specific prerequisite coursework. The rationale for this additional admission option is as follows:
   - Align with other accredited graduate landscape architecture programs;
   - Sustain the growth of the MLA program;
   - Expand on interdisciplinarity, one of the central missions of the Knowlton School;
   - Provide accessibility and affordability to students with specific, relevant backgrounds;
   - Increase student retention by reducing redundancy of coursework;
   - Expand the diversity of approaches to design by encouraging students with a variety of design backgrounds to pursue our degree.

2. Description of the proposed curriculum including identification of the focus of the program and a brief description of its disciplinary purpose and significance
   See the attached curriculum sheet for details on the proposed Advanced Placement curriculum. Students with a 4-5 year undergraduate architecture degree or master’s degree in architecture will already have sufficient knowledge of digital representation and design to waive our introductory design studios and media courses. These students will also have fewer required electives as their previous architecture coursework offers breadth. The curricular focus of the Advanced Placement option will be on core disciplinary content, that is landscape architecture studios, ecology and technology, media, and landscape architecture history and theory.

3. Specializations intended to appear on the student transcript
   None

4. Description of a required culminating or integrated learning experience
   Students pursuing the MLA with Advanced Placement will have the same culminating requirement as students in the 3-year MLA program, having the option to complete a thesis or the terminal studio.

5. Administrative arrangements for the proposed program
   The staff and faculty who administer the MLA program will also administer the Advanced Placement option. Our website and recruitment materials will be updated to include the Advanced Placement option. The application process will remain the same, with students enrolling under the LARCH-MLA plan code. No additional administrative arrangements are needed.

6. Evidence of need for the new degree program, including opportunities for employment of graduates (should also address other similar programs in the state and address the need and potential duplication of programs in the state and region.)
Within the state of Ohio, there is only one other accredited MLA program, which does not have an advanced placement option. As such, students with an architecture background are likely to pursue advanced placement opportunities in MLA programs out-of-state. Creating this advanced placement option at Ohio State would give students the option to stay within the state to pursue their education and potentially stay for employment. In addition, the ability to admit students with advanced placement will bolster our enrollment in the traditional MLA program.

7. **Potential enrollment**
   The section projects an enrollment increase of 15-50% for the total MLA student enrollment. Typical enrollment in the MLA program is approximately 45 overall with 10-15 new students each year.

8. **Availability and adequacy of the faculty and facilities available for the new degree program**
   As students in the Advanced Placement option will enroll in the courses that currently exist in the MLA program, the section will not be required to offer additional courses or increase faculty teaching loads. The addition of these students will allow our courses to be offered at their optimal capacity.

9. **Need for additional facilities and staff and the plans to meet this need**
   The staff and faculty who administer the MLA program will administer the Advanced Placement option. Should enrollment require adjustments in facilities, these will be handled internally, within the section and the Knowlton School.

10. **Projected additional costs associated with the program and evidence of institutional commitment and capacity to meet these costs**
    No additional costs are projected.
# Master of Landscape Architecture I

The following curriculum guide is for students starting in the 2018-2019 academic year.

## G1 Autumn
- LARCH 6910 Design Studio I: 6 credit hours
- LARCH 6410 Media I: 3 credit hours
- LARCH 6420 Ecology & Technology I: 3 credit hours
- LARCH 6600 Outlines of Landscape Architecture: 3 credit hours

## G1 Spring
- LARCH 6920 Design Studio II: 6 credit hours
- LARCH 6430 Media II: 3 credit hours
- LARCH 6440 Ecology & Technology II: 3 credit hours
- LARCH 6667 Meaning of Landscape: 3 credit hours

## G2 Autumn
- LARCH 7930 Design Studio III: 8 credit hours
- LARCH 5610* History & Theory I: 3 credit hours
- LARCH 5367 Professional Practice: 3 credit hours
- Elective: 3 credit hours

## G2 Spring
- LARCH 7940 Design Studio IV: 8 credit hours
- LARCH 5620* History & Theory II: 3 credit hours
- Elective: 3 credit hours
- LARCH 7780 Research Methods: 3 credit hours

## G3 Autumn
- LARCH 7950 Design Studio V: 8 credit hours
- LARCH 8990 Pro-Seminar: 3 credit hours
- Elective: 3 credit hours

## G3 Spring
- LARCH 7950 Studio: 8 credit hours
- Elective: 3 credit hours

## Total Credit Hours Required to Graduate: 94-65

### *History & Theory Option

Students are required to complete at least one History & Theory course (either 5610 or 5620).

### Electives

Students are required to complete elective credit hours in the form of Graduate Seminars and Open Electives in order to fulfill the minimum total credit hours for the degree. Required courses are to be taken in the terms listed above and elective courses may be taken around these requirements. Students may not use a course to meet multiple elective requirements.

Graduate Seminars (12 credit hours)

Graduate Seminar requirements may be fulfilled by landscape architecture seminars in the form of advanced topics in Media (LARCH 7890), Ecology & Technology (7410), and History & Theory (76005) or approved comparable graduate-level electives. Seminars are typically 3 credit hours each.

Media (3 credit hours)

Students are required to complete at least one Media course (either 6410, 6430 or and Advanced Media elective).

Open Electives

Open electives may be taken from across the university. Courses within landscape architecture must be 5000 level and above (graduate section). Courses outside of landscape architecture may be 4000 level or above and taught by a lecturer or professor.
The MLA advanced placement (AP) option is designed for students with an undergraduate degree in architecture (4 or 5 years) or a master's degree in architecture who can demonstrate advanced design skills. Students admitted into the MLA program with AP will follow the curriculum as listed below.

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**Graduate Seminars (12 credit hours)**

Graduate Seminar requirements may be fulfilled by landscape architecture seminars in the form of advanced topics in Media (LARCH 7890), Ecology & Technology (7410), and History & Theory (7600S) or approved comparable graduate-level electives. Seminars are typically 3 credit hours each.

**Media (3 credit hours)**

Students are required to complete at least one Media course (either 6410, 6430 or and Advanced Media elective).