

## What Can I Do With a Major in...

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# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Professionals in the field of Landscape Architecture provide design services for residential areas, public parks and playgrounds, college campuses, shopping centers, golf courses, parkways, and industrial parks. You may be involved in all phases of development, from the initial discussion with the client through the entire design process. To start the planning, you may be asked to ensure the natural elements of the site are analyzed, such as the climate, soil, slope, drainage, and vegetation. Once the site is studied, you may develop a preliminary design using computer-aided design and geographic information systems (GIS) technology.

### What type of career can I have with this major?

Since this major is so comprehensive, you will have a variety of excellent employment opportunities

- Computer-Aided Drafter
- Contractor
- Construction Supervisor
- Designer
- Engineering Architect
- Environmental Planner
- Green Space Designer
- Historic Landscape Preserver
- Landscape Architect
- Landscape Architecture Technician
- Real Estate Developer
- Product Development Manager
- Soil Conservationist
- Surveyor

### Where can I work?

This profession provides you with a choice of various work environments including government agencies, non-profit organizations, for-profit agencies, public and private companies, and firms.

- Architecture Firms
- Colleges and Universities
- Construction Firms
- Contractors
- Corporations
- Design Firms
- Engineering Firms
- Federal Government Agencies
- Individual Homeowners
- Large Corporations
- Local and State Government Agencies
- Manufacturing Industry
- Preservation Firms
- Real Estate Developers
- Research Institutions

### What type of professional organizations and resources are available in this field?

There are many professional organizations that offer resources, articles, job opportunities, training and conference information. We suggest you visit each organization's website to gather more information and contacts in your field.

- American Planning Association
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture
- Intern Development Program, National Council of Architecture Registration Boards
- Society of American Registered Architects
- The American Institute of Architects
- Urban Land Institute

### What type of Landscape Architecture program does San Diego Mesa College offer?

The landscape architecture program at San Diego Mesa College is designed to provide individuals with employable technical skills related to professional landscape design development, or provide transfer into a college of landscape architecture.

- Certificate of Performance: Garden Design | Landscape Architecture Technician | Architecture Technician | Architecture | Computer Aided Drafting
- Certificate of Achievement: Landscape Architecture Technician | Architecture Survey | Architecture Technician | Architecture | Construction Management | Landscape Architecture | Woodbury Transfer Track
- Associate in Science: Landscape Architecture Technician | Woodbury University Transfer Track | Architecture Survey | Architecture Technician | Architecture | Construction Management | Landscape Architecture

*See college catalog for program descriptions, course titles, and areas of emphasis.*

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### Associates Degrees/Certificates

#### Getting Started

- Step 1: [Application](#) - Start by completing the online application for admission  
Step 2: [Orientation](#) - Complete the online New Student Orientation (Flash player required)  
Step 3: [Assessment](#) - Visit the Assessment office to learn about English and math testing  
Step 4: [Advisement](#) - Complete the online First Semester Planning Workshop  
Step 5: [Registration](#) - Register for classes

#### While You're Taking Classes

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| Update your resume and craft a cover letter  | Attend job fairs     | Conduct industry research    |
| Look into volunteer/internship opportunities | Perform job searches | Think about transfer options |
- See the Transfer or Career Center for assistance*

### Transfer Options

#### Getting Started

- 1) Join a professional landscape architecture association as a student member
- 2) Decide if you will major in landscape architecture for transfer
- 3) Map out where you want to transfer for your landscape architecture Bachelor's degree

#### Education Planning

##### Fall semester 1<sup>st</sup> year (1-15 units):

- 1) Attend transfer workshops
- 2) Review articulation agreements
- 3) Map general education (GE) requirements
- 4) Identify regionally accredited 4-year institutions to apply
- 5) Attend a Transfer Fair
- 6) Meet with a counselor

##### Spring semester 1<sup>st</sup> year (16-30 units):

- 1) Continue to attend transfer workshops
- 2) Check-in with a counselor to make sure your educational plan is on track
- 3) Seeking tutoring assistance in the academic skills center to keep your grades competitive

##### Fall semester 2<sup>nd</sup> year (31-45 units):

- 1) Submit admissions applications to 4-year institutions: Fall for CSU/UC; Early spring for private and out-of-state institutions
- 2) Identify deadlines and due dates for admissions transcripts and other documents

##### Spring semester 2<sup>nd</sup> year (46-60 units):

- 1) Identify deadlines and due dates for admissions transcripts and other documents
- 2) Submit your FAFSA between January 1<sup>st</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) Turn in your deposit and registration forms to the institution you decide to attend.
- 4) Attend the transfer orientation event(s) at your new campus
- 5) Complete academic coursework and transfer!

#### While You're Taking Classes

- Update your resume
- Prepare a cover letter
- Complete an internship in landscape architecture
- Build your network
- Maintain a strong GPA
- Hold a leadership position in a landscape architecture club/society
- Find a mentor
- Visit your Career Center as much as possible!

### Landscape Architecture Licensing

