



MSc in Landscape Architecture



The Department of Architecture at ETH Zurich offers a two-year Master's degree program in Landscape Architecture (MScLA). It redefines the goals and boundaries of landscape architecture as a design discipline through the development of new tools and methods which vary according to project location, scale and time.

Studies

The ETH Master in Sciences of Landscape Architecture (MScLA) prepares a new generation of landscape architects to respond to increasingly complex situations and unforeseen phenomena. By centering observation, experimentation, and synthetic thinking, the program enables students to imagine creative and sustainable solutions on the scale of the city and landscape.

Deeply grounded in the history and theory of the discipline, the MScLA rigorously engages with the past in order to reimagine the future. This dynamic moment requires interdisciplinary collaborations with the humanities and sciences to develop hybrid methodologies that are able to respond to the pressing questions of climate change adaptation, social equity, landscapes in transition, and regenerative management of ecological resources. Initiated at the Institute of Urban Studies (LUS), the program is set within the renowned technical innovation and research happening at ETH Zurich and is uniquely positioned to collaborate with scientists and engineers who are exploring the boundaries of their fields. Intensive interdisciplinary collaboration enables the development of design and planning methods that traverse scales through the use of big data, GIS-based 3D landscape modelling, and robotics. Parametric and rule-based design approaches facilitate these collaborations and enable us to develop more adaptive strategies and infrastructures.

Graduates Profile

Graduates from the ETH MScLA are trained to work through different cultures and contexts across a range of scales – from the design of a place to adaptive management at regional scales. They will learn respond to existing urban and peri-urban conditions in order to develop creative, rigorous and technically sophisticated design strategies in collaboration with other disciplines. With this novel profile, graduates will open new fields of activity and research in landscape architecture.

ADMISSION

Language

English (C1 Language certificate)

Duration

4 semesters + 6 months internship, 120 ECTS

Admission

- Bachelor's degree in architecture or landscape architecture from a university with at least 180 ECTS or from a Swiss university of Applied sciences
- A motivation letter and a portfolio are also required

Application deadlines for Autumn 2025

01 – 30 November 2024 (International Bachelor's degree, all) 01 – 30 April 2025 (Swiss Bachelor's degree)

More information

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