

MLA/MUP (4-YEAR TRACK) – TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE

UW CBE **MLA/MUP**

Effective for students entering Autumn 2026 or later - Minimum 121 credits required

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Year 1		
● LARCH 401 Design Foundations Studio (6)	● LARCH 402 Urban Sites Studio (6)	● LARCH 403 Ecological Systems Studio (6)
● LARCH 570 Theory + Scholarship (3)	○ MLA Socio-Political Dimensions of Design Selective rec: LARCH 561 Experience of Place (3)	○ MLA BioPhysical Ecology Selective rec: LARCH 563 Ecological Design + Planning (3)
● LARCH 431 Landform + Grading (3)	● LARCH 440 Digital Technologies in LA I (3)	○ LARCH 423 Plant ID + Management (5)
● LARCH 411 Landscape Representation (3)		● LARCH 571 Introduction to Faculty Research (1)
15	17	15
Year 2		
○ MLA Advanced Studio (6)	○ MLA Advanced Studio (6)	○ MLA Advanced Studio (6)
● LARCH 432 Materials + Construction (3)	● LARCH 433 Design Implementation (3)	● LARCH 424 Planting Design (3)
● LARCH 441 Landscape Architecture Digital Technologies II (3)	● LARCH 473 LA Professional Practice (3)	○ MLA Soils + Hydrology Selective rec: LARCH 434 Urban Hydrology + Soils (3)
Elective(s) (3)	○ MLA BE History Selective rec: LARCH 553 History of Modern Landscape Arch. (5)	
15	17	12
Year 3		
● URBAN 500 Survey in Urban Planning (4)	● URBAN 501 Comprehensive Planning + Implementation (4)	● URBAN 507 Urban Planning Studio (5)
● URBAN 520 Quantitative Methods (5)	● URBAN 506 Planning Studio Prep (3)	● URBAN 512 Research Seminar or L ARCH 572 Research Methods (3)
● URBAN 527 History, Ethics, Form and Theory I (HEFT I) (3)	● URBAN 528 History, Ethics, Form and Theory II (HEFT II) (3)	● URBAN 580 Legal + Administrative Framework (3)
○ MUP Elective: URBAN 504 Intro to GIS recommended (3)	○ MUP Restricted Elective or Elective (3)	○ MUP Restrictive Elective or Elective (3)
15	13	14
Year 4		
● URBAN 518 Qualitative Methods (3)	Thesis (URBAN 700 + LARCH 700) (6)	Thesis (URBAN 700 + LARCH 700) (3)
Elective(s) (3) (LARCH 590 Thesis Prep Seminar highly recommended)	○ MLA Advanced Media Selective (3)	Elective(s) (3)
6	9	6

Legend

-  Courses in gray must be taken by the quarter indicated to remain in sequence.
-  Courses in white may be taken in a different quarter than shown based on the actual course selected by the student.
- Required course: Student must take that specific course.
- Selective/Directed Elective course: Student chooses which course to take to fulfill requirement from the list of approved options. See [MLA Curriculum Guide](#) and [MUP Restricted Elective Requirements](#) for courses.

Notes

Students may take courses in addition to those listed above. Full-time tuition applies when taking between 7-18 credits. Part-time tuition applies when taking 1-6 credits. Enrollment over 18 credits requires additional tuition. Students with loans should check with the UW Financial Aid Office about minimum credits required per quarter. Only 400-level and above courses may fulfill MLA/MUP degree requirements. The minimum credit requirement remains at 121 regardless of waived coursework. Total credits may exceed the minimum total. This form is for planning purposes only; individual course plans may differ, consult the MLA + MUP Program Coordinators.