

MA/PG Dip in Landscape Architecture MA/PG Dip in Landscape Studies 2008/9



Landscape Architecture embraces the science, planning, design, creation and management of landscape, in both urban and rural environments, and at all scales, from the smallest garden to the greatest wilderness. It may be concerned with creating new landscapes, or with sustaining existing ones. The emphasis is on promoting landscapes that are aesthetically pleasing, functionally appropriate and ecologically healthy, whilst being able to accommodate the diverse and changing needs of society within an overall context of sustainability. It is a rich and diverse subject which is both interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary, and which draws on the traditions of both the arts and sciences.

The Landscape Profession

Landscape Architects are part of a recognised profession with their own chartered institute, The Landscape Institute, which was founded in 1929. There are currently three membership divisions- Landscape Design, Landscape Management and Landscape Science- and Landscape Planning is also emerging as an important focus for activity.

Landscape Architecture at Sheffield

The University of Sheffield established one of the earliest Landscape programmes in the country in the late 1960's and is now at the forefront of Landscape education in the country, with an international reputation. It has the most diverse range of programmes in Landscape Architecture in the UK and the largest student body, with its undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes together accommodating between 150 and 200 students. The quality of departmental research was recognised in the Grade 5 rating received in the last Research Assessment Exercise and our latest Independent Evaluation of Teaching in 2006 said "The department has emerged as a leader in its field and has a strong staff team with a breadth of skills, research and teaching specialisms".

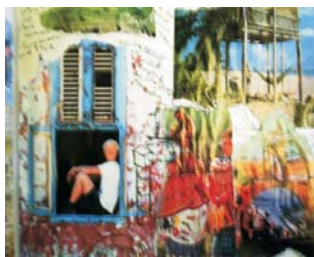


Teaching Methods

A range of teaching methods are used including: design studios, lectures, tutorials, workshops, small group projects, individual-based work, seminars and field trips. In the studios you will be taught by both department staff and visiting landscape practitioners who will work with you in small groups and on an individual basis to help you develop your ideas and skills. You will also have a personal tutor who will provide help and advice about administrative matters as well as pastoral care.

Project Work: Most of the modules are taught using project sites in and around Sheffield. As you progress through the course the projects that you work on will become increasingly complex and demanding. Sometimes they provide an opportunity to work with the Local Authority or community groups to develop design solutions for real schemes. For example, in recent years students have worked with school groups and development trusts to provide design ideas for school grounds, housing areas and local parks, or planning proposals for wider areas.

Field Trips: Field trips are an extremely important part of the course. Visiting, analysing and evaluating different urban and rural settings is an essential part of your development as a Landscape Architect. In the first year, visits focus on the immediate landscape and are intended to familiarise you with the special qualities and character of the area in and around Sheffield. In the second year there is a short residential trip to a UK region where it will be possible to see a selection of different sites ranging from historic landscapes to contemporary approaches to urban regeneration and detailed design. Recent destinations have included London and Newcastle. The second year starts with a week long field trip usually to a major European City. Previous destinations have included Berlin, Barcelona, Paris, Copenhagen, Amsterdam and New York.



Course Structures

MA/PG Dip in Landscape Studies MA/Pg Dip in Landscape Architecture Level 1

Introduction to Landscape Design Practice
Introduction to Planting Design
Introduction to Landscape Construction
The Nature of Landscape Architecture: Histories, Theories and Practices
Ecological Design and Management
Social Aspects of Design
Integrated Landscape Design Project
Advanced Planting Design
Landscape Construction Design
Introduction to Landscape Planning
Landscape Research Methods

MA in Landscape Studies only *Landscape Dissertation*

MA/PG Dip in Landscape Architecture Level 2

Research Report
Professional Practice, Law and Contracts
Special Project

One of the following:
Urban Landscape Planning
Landscape Design and Art Practice
Greenspace Maintenance

One of the following:
Rural Landscape Planning
Urban Design Project
Greenspace Management

Landscape Research Dissertation

The courses we offer

Sheffield's **MA/PG Dip in Landscape Architecture** (2 years) offers graduates without a background in design the opportunity to take a vocational and academic 'conversion' programme in landscape architecture, and to enter the profession through this postgraduate route. The programme is also suitable for graduates from design disciplines (e.g. architecture or engineering) who require a vocational qualification in Landscape Architecture. The programme gives students the range of skills they require to meet the needs of modern landscape practice. It is **fully accredited** by the Landscape Institute.

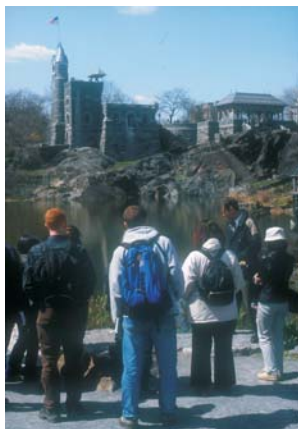
The **MA/PG Dip in Landscape Studies** (1 year) is aimed at graduates from design disciplines who require a purely **academic qualification** in Landscape Architecture. It is important to note that the MA/PG Dip in Landscape Studies does not confer any vocational status in the UK.

Our Postgraduate courses lead to the qualifications of Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Arts (MA). The Diploma is achieved on successful completion of the taught modules, whilst the MA requires completion of the dissertation.

Careers

Completion of the MA/PG Dip in Landscape Architecture and the Landscape Institute's "Pathway to Chartership" together allow full membership of the Landscape Institute and use of the title Chartered Landscape Architect. For further information about the Pathway to Chartership see the Landscape Institute's web site at http://www.landscapeinstitute.org/about/membership_grades/about_ppe/

Sheffield graduates are highly sought after in the profession and there are many opportunities in the UK - in private practice, in the public sector and in non-governmental organisations such as Groundwork Trusts, as well as in many other countries in the International Federation of Landscape Architects.



Students on a field trip to New York.



Further Information

Additional information about this course can be found on our web site. If you should have any queries please contact, Helen Morris (Admissions Secretary) on 0114 2220602 or email h.morris@sheffield.ac.uk.