SHAPE YOUR WORLD.
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE.
Landscape Architecture is a creative, design-based discipline. It seeks to improve quality of life for people whilst simultaneously enhancing biodiversity and contributing to the resolution of 21st century environmental challenges such as urban expansion, flooding and climate change. It is at the core of current attempts to create a more sustainable world and cuts across many traditional academic discipline boundaries.

At Sheffield, Landscape Architecture has a strong transdisciplinary ethos involving an interplay between urban and regional planning, ecological systems, social and cultural values, and art and design. We constantly reflect this approach in our teaching and research, and our strong engagement with Landscape practice.

Our aim is to provide students with the most rigorous and reflective Landscape Architecture training possible. We offer a demanding and creative curriculum to encourage our students to be ambitious and self starters in developing the skills that will allow them to become leading landscape architects, urban designers, planners and policy makers.

Our graduates are greatly in demand in practice. Our alumni is both extensive and strongly international which means that support and useful connections are never far away, no matter where you work in the world.

Join us and share the latest ideas in Landscape Architecture, Urbanism and Ecology.

Professor James Hitchmough
Head of Department.
When you are outside, pause for a minute and take a look around you. Notice the green spaces between buildings in cities, the scenery of local parks in towns, the function of school playgrounds in villages and large, national parks like the Peak District. They have all been designed, planned and managed by Landscape Architects.

Landscape Architecture improves the performance of our outside spaces. Through imaginative design, it enhances our communities in both urban and rural environments. Landscape Architects sculpt and shape our surroundings, whilst restoring ecological processes, to create truly special places in which people and nature thrive.

To be a Landscape Architect requires artistic flair and a passion for improving the environment. This requires the versatility to blend applied geography and arts with social sciences and the built environment.

At Sheffield you will develop the skills to become a well-rounded professional. As well as design skills, you will gain an understanding of the cultural, social and ecological drivers that underpin successful landscapes. This makes our Graduates highly sought after.

Our courses will also equip you with excellent transferable skills, so you will have the confidence and ability to make a positive impact, whatever career you pursue.
LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our teaching is based on the practical research done by our world-renowned staff. They are regularly sought out to work on prestigious projects like London’s Olympic park and are committed to passing on their expertise to the next generation of Landscape Architects. International practitioners regularly contribute to your learning through guest lectures, while academic and studio tutors will work with you to help develop your knowledge and skills. To put it simply, at Sheffield you’ll learn from the best.

A SENSE OF ADVENTURE

Our courses are ideal for travel lovers and outdoor types. Field trips and site visits are an essential component of your learning and an integral part of many modules. Students love our international field trip, at the start of third year, most recently to Reykjavik, Copenhagen and Berlin. It’s a great social event as well as learning opportunity (and the cost is included in your course fee). For the truly adventurous, our exchange programmes allow you to study with other leading landscape schools in Europe, Japan or the USA.

STATE OF THE ART STUDIO

The Department of Landscape is based in the University’s famous Arts Tower – a spectacular listed building that’s had a £25 million refurb. You’ll enjoy stunning panoramic views over Sheffield and the beautiful Peak District. The studio is at the heart of your learning and is the space where you will participate in workshops, group seminars, tutorials and project reviews. Each studio is kitted out with state-of-the-art facilities, to stimulate your creativity, from drawing boards to high-spec computers running industry-standard design software.

Need more information?
www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/study

£37.5K
Average salary for a Landscape Architect
bealandscapearchitect.com

“The amazing studio facilities and world class teaching are the best things about the course. It’s a good sign to see your tutors writing books and on the news.”

Alex Patience, MLA Landscape Architecture

“AS THE FIRST AND LARGEST DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN THE UK, SHEFFIELD IS A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY.”

WHY STUDY AT SHEFFIELD?
A WARM WELCOME

WE’RE NOT JUST A WORLD-CLASS ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT – WE’RE A
SOCIABLE BUNCH TOO.

Our student society Landmark is run entirely by the department’s students, who organise social events, guest speakers, site visits as well as the annual, eagerly anticipated, Landscape Ball.

“Landmark is a student led society at the University of Sheffield that not only represents students studying Landscape Architecture but anybody who is interested in nature, design and the environment. Whether you are looking to become more involved within your course or explore nature, design and the environment this society is for you!

The term ‘student society’ is often associated with social evenings involving drinking, however at Landmark we offer much more than this. Just some of the things we have done this year include; pumpkin carving, the tree social, volunteering at Manor Fields Park and ice skating. We also hold a series of lectures, exhibitions and trips.

Every new year an opportunity arrives for students to put themselves forward for roles within the committee: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social secretary, Sports Secretary, Inclusions officer and Publicity Officer. This series of roles allows students to really get firsthand experience working with others in a professional manner, something which employers will be looking for and adding credible CV experience.”

Ashley Pike, President of Landmark 2015-16

Search: Landmark, Landscape Architecture Students, The University of Sheffield
If after three years, you decide that you want to progress and work towards the professional qualification that enables you to work as a fully qualified Landscape Architect, you can complete two further years of study. This is known as the Integrated Masters programme. Over 90% of our students decide that they want to continue with us at this point.

You will work in a Landscape practice (as a paid employee) for your fourth year, in a position that the department will support you in finding. On successful completion you can then return to the University to complete your final year of study, which is known as the Masters of Landscape Architecture (MLA). If you have completed four years of study in Landscape Architecture at another university, you can join us for the fifth year.

For detailed information about the structure of the Integrated Masters programme, see pages 14 and 15.

Need more information? www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/prospectiveug

We offer three undergraduate courses in the Department of Landscape: The BA and BSc (Hons) Landscape Architecture and the BA (Hons) Architecture and Landscape.

Our undergraduate courses in Landscape Architecture are unique. They combine training in Landscape Architecture with an opportunity to choose specialist modules in ecology or planning. This allows you to follow your interests and specialise in the subjects that really excite you.
SINGLE HONOURS COURSES

BA HONS
LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE

UCAS code: K3K4

This course aims to educate Landscape Architects who, as well as being skilled designers, have a sound understanding of landscape issues at the large scale. If you enjoy subjects such as geography, politics, economics or history you will appreciate the scope and challenge of this course. By learning about urban design theory, planning and practice, you will acquire a better understanding of the context in which design takes place and the wider implications of your design proposals. On completing this course, you will be uniquely qualified to understand how inspiring design fits into the wider social picture.

“I chose the BA (Hons) because I had already studied Biology at A-level, and wanted to broaden my knowledge. In my opinion the BA is useful if you want to do projects that encompass more of a town planning or redevelopment aspect. With planning, I have found thinking about the details of a project really interesting. I also like the fact that we learn about the history of how cities and towns have been shaped by the landscape; what worked, what didn’t and what can be learned from.”

Emma Scott, 3rd Year
BA Landscape Architecture

BSC HONS
LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE

UCAS code: KC39

This course aims to educate Landscape Architects to have an in-depth understanding of ecology and habitat creation. If you are interested in the natural world or enjoy biology or environmental sciences, you will enjoy the focus of this course. You will learn about ecological processes and how they work within designed landscape to give you an understanding of the impact that design proposals have on habitat. In a world of increasing environmental pressure, this course will give you the specialist training to protect and restore existing habitats as well as create new places where nature thrives.

“I chose the Bsc (Hons) because I truly believe that ecological design is an essential part of Landscape Architecture. In order to plan for our future cities and public spaces we must first understand the importance of ecology and reflect it in our designs. So far I have loved learning about how the presence of rare or uncommon fauna and flora can add value to an area. This is so important when it comes down to making decisions about construction in a less built up environment. How will the changes affect the existing area? Is the construction worth the loss of ecology?”

Grace Kelleher, 3rd Year
BSc Landscape Architecture
This course explores ways in which architecture and landscape complement each other, with particular interest in developing sustainable solutions that respect the environment. In the first year this might include developing proposals for a small building in a public landscape. By the third year the brief for the building and its environment will be more complex and may focus on a substantial piece of urban design. Studio-based learning in both the School of Architecture and Department of Landscape will be supported by other taught courses that draw on the exceptional research bases of both departments. This course will help you develop a unique breadth of knowledge that will allow you to become an interdisciplinary professional.

(This course is Landscape Institute Accredited when taken in conjunction with the MLA)
# Course Structure

## Year One
- **Modules**
  - Current Challenges in Planning, Design and Management
  - Space Making
  - Presentation, Communication and Research Skills
  - History of Landscape Architecture
  - The Changing Landscape
  - The Dynamic Landscape

## Year Two
- **Modules**
  - Ecocogical Processes, Design and Management
  - Materials of Landscape – Planting Design
  - Sustainable Communities
  - Materials of Landscape – Construction Design
  - Landscape Design – Detailed Design

## Year Three
- **Modules**
  - Site Planning for Sustainable Housing
  - International Field Study – Landscape in Practice
  - Integrated Urban Design Project
  - Materials of Landscape – Detailed Design

## Year Four
- **Modules**
  - Ecology Modules
    - Landscape Ecology – Habitat Survey Techniques
  - Planning Modules
    - Landscape Planning, Processes and Practice

## Year Five
- **Modules**
  - Ecology Modules
    - Green Infrastructure and Ecological Master Planning
    - Landscape Ecology – Habitat Creation and Restoration
  - Planning Modules
    - Landscape Planning Tool Kits
    - Landscape Planning – Urban Regeneration

**You can leave this stage with a**
- BSc (Hons) Degree in Landscape Architecture
- BA (Hons) Degree in Landscape Architecture

**or you can go on to do a further 2 years, firstly**
- Year in Practice
  - Followed by a Landscape Institute accredited

**You can then follow one of the following options**
- **BA (Hons) in Landscape Architecture**
- **BSc (Hons) in Landscape Architecture (Ecology)**
- **BA (Hons) in Architecture and Landscape**

**Ecology Modules**
- Landscape Ecology – Habitat Survey Techniques
- Materials of Landscape – Planting Design
- Sustainable Communities
- Materials of Landscape – Construction Design
- Landscape Design – Detailed Design

**Modules**
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- The Changing Landscape
- The Dynamic Landscape

**Qualifications**
- **Course**
  - BA (Hons) in Landscape Architecture
  - BSc (Hons) in Landscape Architecture (Ecology)
  - BA (Hons) in Architecture and Landscape

## Notes
- While A-level Art and Design are not a requirement, evidence of a clear willingness to engage in the process of drawing and graphic communication is highly desirable.

**Core requirements:** A2 or equivalent in Biology is preferred although we will consider applicants with other science A-levels and/or high grades in Biology at AS and Science subject at GCSE.

**QUALIFICATIONS**
- **BA (Hons) in Landscape Architecture**
  - Our typical offer is ABB or equivalent.
  - International Baccalaureate – 33
  - BTEC – DDM in a relevant subject

- **BSc (Hons) in Landscape Architecture (Ecology)**
  - Our typical offer is ABB or equivalent.
  - International Baccalaureate – 33
  - BTEC – DDM in a relevant subject

- **BA (Hons) in Architecture and Landscape**
  - Our typical offer is AAA or equivalent.
  - International Baccalaureate – 37
  - BTEC – DDD in a relevant subject

**APPLICATIONS**
- We accept all A-level subject choices, and offering a broad spread of subjects is appropriate given the multi-faceted nature of the course.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We accept all A-level subject choices, and offering a broad spread of subjects is appropriate given the multi-faceted nature of the course. Ideally we prefer a mix of creative/practice based subjects with mainstream academic subjects. Our typical offer is ABB, though we welcome applications with alternative qualifications or non-traditional routes. We also welcome applicants from mature students who do not have the usual University entry requirements.

Our standard IELTS requirement (English as a second language) is 6.5. Please do contact us for advice for your particular situation. We are keen to support enthusiasm and determination.

**References**
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- International Baccalaureate – 33
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- Our typical offer is AAA or equivalent.
- International Baccalaureate – 37
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**Qualifications**
- **Course**
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YOUR FIRST STEPS TO A GREAT CAREER

NOTHING IS GUARANTEED IN THE MODERN JOBS MARKET, BUT A DEGREE FROM US IS A FANTASTIC START.

EXPOSURE TO EXPERTISE

The department prides itself on having strong links with professional Landscape practices. We host regular talks from internationally renowned experts, who as well as sharing their knowledge are always keen to meet students. Our associate tutors, who will work with you in the studio, hold posts in practices across the UK and our end of term exhibition is attended by senior industry figures, looking to recruit graduates.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

The Department works closely with the University Careers Service to bring you a range of valuable opportunities to develop your skills. There’s the Skills for Work Certificate, the Careers in the Built Environment fair and Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE), to name but a few, in which you can take part. You will also have one-to-one personal tutorials on employability and career development as well as the chance to take part in e-mentoring with professionals.

EXPERIENCE THE PROFESSION

A degree in Landscape Architecture will give you plenty of opportunities to experience the professional world. All students who wish to complete the Masters of Landscape Architecture will spend their fourth year working in a Landscape practice. As well as applying the skills developed during the first part of your degree, the Year in Practice helps you to grow and mature as a practitioner and expand your portfolio. Working alongside the Careers Service, students can also organise additional placements during summer vacations.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/resources/careersportal

"My SURE project set out to restore the Little Quarry at Whinfell Quarry Garden in Sheffield allowing me to work on a real life planting design project. It was an amazing, unique experience and I am proud of what it helped me to achieve and how the garden is being transformed."

Ngaire Burston
BA Landscape Architecture

100% Employment for Landscape students
Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education 2015-16

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WHAT OUR GRADUATES DO

SHEFFIELD GRADUATES ARE HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER.

Our graduates go on to have varied and rewarding careers. Some work in private sector consultancies or set up their own companies, while others operate in the public or voluntary sectors, helping to improve local communities.

Our alumni include those who have achieved the highest levels of recognition within the Landscape profession and include a former President of the Landscape Institute and President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects.

If you don’t take up a career in landscape, you’ll still be highly employable. Employers right across the board value the transferable skills you will develop with us – skills like creativity, research, analysis, communication and project management; they know Sheffield landscape graduates are amongst the best in the field.

XANTHE QUAYLE
BSc Hons DipLA Landscape Architecture
Graduated: 1995
Director and Owner of Camlin Lonsdale Landscape Architects

“My degree at Sheffield University shaped me fundamentally, not simply as a professional, but also as an individual. At the heart of the course is a genuine aspiration to understand the physical and human processes which shape our natural and built environments and how this understanding can be creatively applied to address the environmental challenges of the day. The experience served me well and equipped me with a rigour of thinking and creative confidence which I apply in my project work today.”

ROBERT HEWITT
BA Hons MLA Landscape Architecture
Graduated: 2013
Landscape Architect at AECOM

“I gained skills and expertise across ecology, design, landscape, planning and habitat management. Since graduating I have found I am using this knowledge on a daily basis in my career. The best advice I could give students studying Landscape Architecture is to really get stuck into the variety of modules on the course to expand your knowledge and experience. The confidence I developed during my studies has been integral to my role as a Landscape Architect on a wide range of projects.”

MAX AUGHTON
BA Hons MLA Landscape Architecture
Graduated: 2015
Associate Landscape Architect and Media Coordinator at DEP Landscape Architecture

“Studying at the Department of Landscape was great. I had a very different experience to a lot of my friends studying other subjects. My year became a very close-knit group of friends. We were integrated very early on with group work and we were always in the studio together. At Sheffield I really learned how to work well with others in teams and how to sell myself and my ideas.”

Need more information?
www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/alumni/graduate-destinations-2015
Whether it’s through opportunities to study abroad or the valuable contributions made by our international staff and students, Sheffield is proud to be part of a global community.

There are many ways for students to enhance their international experience and develop a global competence. Our second-year undergraduates can enrol on exchange programmes with several leading Landscape Schools in Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden as well as world-class institutions in Japan and the United States, while our third year undergraduates enjoy an international field trip at the start of the year.

Through the Languages for All scheme, you can develop foreign language skills, either by learning a new language or continuing a language you have started already.

Landscape Architecture is a global discipline and studying it at Sheffield is guaranteed to expand your horizons.

"Studying abroad in Australia was one of the best things I’ve done since being at university. It allowed me to call a beautiful place home for six months, travel to new, exciting places and make amazing friendships."

Fran Butterworth
BA Landscape Architecture

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SHEFFIELD IS A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY.

Need more information?
www.sheffield.ac.uk/sheffieldinternational
www.landscape-student-exchange.blogspot.co.uk

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AN EXTRAORDINARY PLACE

We’re quite proud of our city, Europe’s greenest city, Britain’s largest village, the most creative city on the planet, however you want to describe it, Sheffield is a fantastic place to live.

As England’s fourth largest city, a third of which is within the boundaries of the Peak District National Park, there’s all the buzz and stimulation of city life, but none of the stress. In Sheffield you get the best of both worlds.

You can expand your mind with cutting-edge theatre and film and push your body with world-class sporting facilities. Or just forget about all that and go shopping.

With two and a half million trees and easy access to some of the best spots for climbing, biking and running in the country, Sheffield is a must for outdoor lovers.

Right at the heart of campus you’ll find first-rate entertainment, brand new facilities and vital support services at our award-winning Students’ Union.

Our students love Sheffield so much that every year thousands of them set up home here after they have graduated and start to build a life.

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

University accommodation is not just somewhere to eat, sleep and study. We think it should be a comfortable, safe setting for you to live in, with a supportive, close-knit community around you.

Whether you choose city or residence living, catered, self-catering, or a mixture of both, the same high standards of facilities and support are available to you.

Most first-year students choose accommodation in one of our student residences, which are situated in pleasant wooded suburbs a short walk from campus. City centre and central campus accommodation is also available.

We guarantee a room for all new undergraduates; international students are guaranteed a room for the duration of their course.

All types of accommodation offer modern facilities, including en-suite study rooms and 24-hour IT suites. There are also extensive programmes of social events, so you’ll make friends fast.

Looking for more things to do in Sheffield?
www.sheffield.ac.uk/study/why-sheffield/a-great-place-to-live/
VISIT US
If you’re thinking about applying and want to know more, come along to one of our University open days. These run from June to October each year and are a chance to find out more about our courses and talk to current staff and students.

Details of dates can be found at:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/prospectiveug/application#opendays

HOW TO APPLY
If you decide to apply to one (or more) of our undergraduate courses, you should complete your UCAS application online at:
www.ucas.com/apply

Once we receive and process your application, you will be asked to submit an electronic portfolio. Instructions on how to do this will be sent individually, but you can find general information about the portfolio here:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/prospectiveug/application

If your application is successful, you will be invited to attend one of our departmental open days, where you will hear in depth information about your course, enjoy a tour our studios and can ask any unanswered questions about life in the Department of Landscape; before making your final decision.

We’re looking forward to hearing from you.

NEXT STEPS

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