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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 are 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.
Landscape Architecture embraces the science, planning, design and management of landscape in both urban and rural environments, to create places that tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the world today.

It recognises the power of green space on all scales, from the smallest garden, through city parks to regional and national ecosystems. By drawing on the arts, sciences and social sciences, Landscape Architects sculpt and shape our surroundings to create places in which people and nature thrive.

The University of Sheffield has the largest, independent department of Landscape Architecture in the UK and offers a diverse range of postgraduate courses. These offer routes to qualify and work as professional Landscape Architects and Managers; deepen knowledge of the Landscape profession and develop a wide range of valuable, transferable skills.

People find their way to Landscape Architecture through many different routes, so it follows that our MA courses attract students with varied backgrounds, qualifications and experiences. What unites them is a drive to understand how landscapes work and a desire to use their knowledge and skills to make a difference.

“Talk to other Landscape Architects and I’m willing to bet you won’t find many who just knew that’s what they wanted to be from an early age. You are more likely to find people who discovered the profession almost by accident. Often, these people describe a ‘penny dropping’ moment when they figured out that Landscape Architecture could offer a perfect blend of creativity and science, indoors and outdoors, people and plants, thoughtfulness and flair … or whatever mix they perceive and how it fits their skill set, personality and aspirations.”

Alison Galbraith, Terra Firma Landscape Architects*

*Full article at: https://www.landscapeinstitute.org/blog/terra-firma-ambassador-landscape/
WHY STUDY AT SHEFFIELD?

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

ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS
At Sheffield we have the largest independent Landscape staff in the UK; experts in their fields, they are regularly sought out to work on high-profile projects like London’s Olympic Park. From wellbeing to planting design, our research is broad as well as world-leading – in the most recent Research Excellence Framework we were the top-rated Landscape unit in the UK. This knowledge is fed directly into teaching, to help Sheffield graduates develop into the next generation of leading Landscape Architects.

FULFILL YOUR POTENTIAL
At the Department of Landscape you’ll be guided closely to help you develop to your full potential. Students receive a high level of contact time and you’ll work individually and in small groups with department staff and visiting landscape professionals. Our strong links with industry ensure you’ll hear directly from some of the leading practitioners working today and personal tutors will be on hand to help and offer advice. Our masters courses are demanding, but at Sheffield we pride ourselves on providing a supportive environment in which all students can thrive.

SHAPING THE CITY
Sheffield is a dynamic city and an ideal place in which to study Landscape Architecture. Its changing face has been shaped by department-led initiatives like Grey to Green and Love Square, which give students the chance to be involved with live projects and see the difference Landscape Architecture can make. Sheffield combines the urban with awe-inspiring views of the neighbouring Peak District, making a rich learning and research environment. Our refurbished Arts Tower home places you right at the heart of – as well as 13 floors above – the action.

“I have strong affection for The University of Sheffield’s Department of Landscape. The training I received there prepared me for my career better than I could have imagined. Not only did I learn the necessary skills to become a Landscape Architect, but I learnt the importance of integration between disciplines, matching of scales in time and place with users, researchers and decision makers to enhance collaboration and understanding.”

Martha Fajardo, MA Landscape Architecture CEO, Grupo Verde, Columbia

99% of research submitted to REF is internationally recognised, excellent or world leading

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QUALIFY AS A PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
SPECIALISING IN MANAGEMENT
DURATION: 1 YR FT/2 YRS PT

IDEAL FOR:
Graduates who want to make places work in practice

ACCREDITATION: Landscape Institute

DID YOU KNOW?
MA Landscape Architecture is a design-focused course that will refine your creative vision.

MA/PGDip LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

DURATION: 2 YRS

IDEAL FOR:
Graduates who want to design and create lasting, functional and inspirational places

ACCREDITATION: Landscape Institute

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MA/PGDip LANDSCAPE STUDIES

DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANDSCAPE PROFESSION

DURATION: 1 YR

IDEAL FOR:
International students who don’t require accreditation but want to advance their knowledge of the landscape profession

ACCREDITATION: Landscape Institute

DID YOU KNOW?
MA Landscape Studies students may be able to transfer to MA Landscape Architecture if they wish to continue for a second year.*

MA/PGDip LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

QUALIFY AS A PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SPECIALISING IN MANAGEMENT

DURATION: 1 YR FT/2 YRS PT

IDEAL FOR:
Graduates who want to make places work in practice

ACCREDITATION: Landscape Institute

DID YOU KNOW?
The MA Landscape Management has both an unaccredited and an accredited route. (see page 12 for more details)

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*subject to Departmental approval

OUR MASTERS DEGREES
CHOOSE FROM OUR THREE POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT COURSES

Need more information?
www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/mastudents
“My experience of studying Landscape Architecture at Sheffield was absolutely fantastic. Everything I learnt on the MA course has given me an amazing grounding for my career, and the support and encouragement I received from my lecturers gave me the confidence I needed to start up my own business.”

Victoria Wade, MA Landscape Architecture, (winner of Best in Show at RHS Cardiff 2015)

“The MA Landscape Studies has helped me to understand ecology and biodiversity in depth and taught me how to find effective solutions to counter problems like global warming, urban flooding, anti-social activity and species extinction.”

Tirthankar Chakraborty, MA Landscape Studies

“I worked for a residential land management company and I’m studying the course part time. This has given me the opportunity to develop myself further and look more in depth at the processes, techniques and skills needed to manage and maintain open spaces.”

Sam Marshall, MA Landscape Management
MA Landscape Architecture is a two-year conversion course for graduates who want to qualify and work as professional Landscape Architects. Whether you have a background in design or not, it will help you develop the skills needed for modern Landscape Architectural practice.

The first year provides a thorough grounding in the design, social, technical and scientific aspects of the profession. You’ll learn about the history and theory of landscapes, develop visual and IT skills and tackle a broad range of design projects.

The second year gives you the opportunity to specialise in landscape planning, design or management, or to take a cross-cutting approach combining more than one aspect.

Teaching and learning takes place both within the studio – individually, in groups and with support from tutors – as well as in workshops, lectures, seminars and out on site.

MA Landscape Studies is an intensive one-year course that provides a thorough grounding of the core skills needed by the Landscape profession.

You’ll learn alongside the first year of the MA Landscape Architecture, in an intellectually challenging and supportive environment.

You’ll gain a broad range of knowledge: from history and theory, ecology and vegetation management, social studies to media tools and communication workshops.

MA Landscape Studies is ideal for international students who don’t require professional accreditation or UK students who want to benefit from an in-depth knowledge of landscape and a wide range of transferable skills.

There is an opportunity to transfer to MA Landscape Architecture at the end of the year should you wish (subject to Departmental approval).

Apply online at www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/mastudents/apply
MA Landscape Management is a one-year course that teaches students about effective management of both natural and designed landscapes. It embraces environmental, social, cultural and economic factors to optimise the management of many of our most iconic landscapes. You’ll learn how to revitalise degraded, damaged or underused landscapes, while the Special Project and Dissertation allow you to explore topics of personal interest.

The programme is designed to allow Landscape Architects to develop a specialism within Management, or to introduce Landscape Management to other professionals within the land-based, geographical or ecology sectors.

Students without previous employment within these sectors can opt for a non-accredited route, whereas those with previous relevant experience can undertake the accredited route. Students on the non-accredited route are provided with a general introduction to Landscape Architecture, whereas students on the accredited route take a more specialised module dedicated to UK professional practice, law and contracts.

**MODULES**

- Principles and Skills of Landscape Management
- Managing the Landscape
- Maintaining Green Infrastructure
- Landscape Professional Practice*
- Special Project
- Dissertation

*Please note, students on the unaccredited route will take Landscape Architecture Scope & Diversity instead of Landscape Professional Practice.*
YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

WE WILL PREPARE YOU FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION.

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

The employability of our graduates is at the heart of our teaching. Accredited by the UK professional body - the Landscape Institute - our courses ensure you will acquire the necessary skills for your future career. We will introduce you to the breadth of the Landscape profession and help you to identify and establish your own interests, through specialist modules and dissertation topics. Career development forms part of structured tutorials, giving you the opportunity to review your progress as well as reflect on your future plans.

SUPPORTING YOUR AMBITIONS

The University has a dedicated Careers Service for postgraduate students that has many resources to help you refine your skills, find work and improve your employment prospects. They run daily advice sessions to help with enquiries, as well as review CVs and applications. The help doesn’t end when you graduate: the Careers Service will continue to support you for three years after you leave, offering email, telephone, Skype and face-to-face appointments.

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

We encourage our postgraduates to take up summer placements and can help you to facilitate this. You’ll gain vital experience, build up your portfolio and make important professional contacts. Previous students have benefited from placements at the Eden Project, Green Estate and Sussex Prairies. For those looking for something further afield, we also encourage students to enter the Landscape Institute’s travel competition, which has recently helped our postgraduates spend time in Mexico and the Philippines.

£1000

Bursaries available to postgraduate students in the Faculty of Social Sciences to support internships through the Postgraduate Advantage Scheme.

Need more information?
www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/resources/careersportal
WHAT DO OUR GRADUATES DO?

MARTHA FAJARDO
CLASS OF 1981
Martha studied under Arthur Weddle at Sheffield and returned to Colombia to open an influential practice. She founded the Colombian Society of Landscape Architects and has tirelessly promoted Landscape Architecture internationally in her past role as president of the International Federation of Landscape Architects. In 2013 she received an honorary Degree from the University.

JONATHAN MCLoughlin
CLASS OF 2012
Since leaving University, Jonathan has been focused on establishing himself as one of the UK’s leading zoological landscape designers. His design approach focuses on both the immersion of visitors in the animal’s world and promoting animals’ natural behaviour through landscape interventions. He has presented his work at various zoo conferences and is currently working with a number of clients, exploring design concepts at strategic and master-planning levels.

AU HIN FAI NICHOLAS
CLASS OF 1989
After postgraduate studies in Sheffield and working in the UK, Nicholas returned to Hong Kong and joined the Hong Kong Housing Department as a Senior Landscape Architect. His projects include landscape design for public housing developments to enhance the quality of living to the residents.

LU ZHONG
CLASS OF 2006
Soon after graduation, Zhong began working as a Landscape Architect at a UK landscape design consultancy, Weddle Landscape Design. Now Zhong is the China Director for the company, managing the large Chinese portfolio from her UK office.

Winter Gardens, Sheffield, the multi award-winning public space in the heart of the city. Horticultural design provided by Department of Landscape alumnus Miya Browell
STUDENT FUNDING CALCULATOR

The University has created a Student Funding Calculator that will help you calculate how much support you are eligible for. Find out what you could get at:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/finance/funding-calculator

GOVERNMENT LOANS

UK students can borrow up to £10,000 to fund a masters course. These loans are not means tested. The loans are paid directly to you and can be used for fees or living expenses, or both. Interest is charged and repayments will run concurrently with any undergraduate loans.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/finance/pg/pg_loans

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University offers a range of scholarships to help pay for fees and living costs.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/finance/sps

FEE DISCOUNTS

If you’re a Sheffield graduate, you could be eligible for a 10% discount on tuition fees for your masters. Overseas students may also be eligible for a fee discount if a spouse or any siblings studied at the University.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/finance/alumni-rewards-terms

FIND SOURCES OF SUPPORT
Get to know Sheffield: the friendly, hilly, multicultural city that around 564,000 people – including 58,000 students – love to call home. Sheffield’s unique topography, its strong character, and its creative mindset make it the perfect place to live and study.

CULTURE AND CREATIVITY
The number of people working in the creative industries here is much higher than the national average. Sheffield is also home to the largest regional theatre complex outside London.

ON THE EDGE OF A NATIONAL PARK
A third of the city is inside the boundary of the Peak District National Park – one of Britain’s most cherished areas of outstanding natural beauty. You can get there easily: by bus, train, bike or on foot.

A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Social and commercial entrepreneurship flourish here. The University is a driving force. Our volunteering programme – Sheffield Volunteering – is one of the biggest in the UK. Our enterprise team helps students turn ideas into viable projects.

A LOWER COST OF LIVING
One of the first things new students ask us about Sheffield is how much things cost here. The answer’s pretty simple: less than they cost elsewhere. Sheffield is ranked as the fourth most cost-effective place to study in England in the 2015 Natwest Student Living Index. In Sheffield the best things in life really are free. A trip to our stunning galleries or museums, a walk or bike ride in the Peak District, lots of gigs every week across the city... they won’t cost you a penny.

Looking for more things to do in Sheffield?
www.sheffield.ac.uk/study/why-sheffield/a-great-place-to-live/
Sheffield is a ‘World Top 100 University’
QS World University Rankings 2016

SHEFFIELD IS A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

Landscape Architecture is a global discipline, which through the design, planning and management of places, can help tackle major problems such as climate change and rapid urbanisation – facing the world today.

We are deeply proud of our international communities and what we gain from our diverse student and staff population is immeasurable.

EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE

There are many ways for postgraduate students to enhance their international experience. We have strong links with Landscape schools - both in Europe and the rest of the world - that provide our students with life-changing opportunities to study abroad under the Erasmus+ scheme.

An optional four-day field trip recently allowed a group of our masters students to explore the Landscape Architecture, history and culture of Berlin.

Global Opportunities in the Social Sciences (GLOSS) provides students from the Faculty of Social Sciences with a pioneering range of international opportunities and enabled one of our postgraduates to fly to New York to study the flexible use of public spaces.

Whatever your focus, choosing Sheffield to study Landscape Architecture is guaranteed to expand your horizons.

Read our student travel blog:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/sheffieldinternational
www.landscape-student-exchange.blogspot.co.uk
WE’D LOVE TO SEE YOU

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HOW TO APPLY

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PORTFOLIO GUIDANCE

In order to better understand your potential, we request portfolios from all applicants to the MA Landscape Architecture and MA Landscape Studies.

This can include work in any medium and from any field of endeavour.

The portfolio should demonstrate not simply creative and technical skills, but also your critical engagement with Landscape Architecture and urban and ecological issues.

We review a large number of portfolios, so a distinctive approach that demonstrates a passion for Landscape Architecture in a thoughtful and imaginative way will help you stand out.

WHAT SHOULD I SUBMIT?

Applicants with a degree and/or work experience in a design-related discipline:

• 3-5 projects that demonstrate critical engagement with a subject and skill in interpreting it in drawings and models.

Other applicants

• 6 samples of creative work. We are open to a wide range of creative work, which might include a research project, a video documented through still photos, or built work.

OR

• 5 drawings in any medium that illustrate a landscape that evokes a strong response in you or that you are interested in, accompanied by a short text of about 150 words. For both the drawing and the text we are looking for insightful interpretations and analyses of a landscape, rather than pure description.

FORMAT

• A single pdf or a powerpoint file.
• No more than 20 pages in length and 25 MB in size.
• You can upload your portfolio directly to your online application. Please ensure that your name appears in both the file name and in the portfolio itself.