

Professional Master program specialization in Landscape

Architecture and Urbanism:

Starting 2023 Spring semester, the professional master's architecture program will offer a **Specialization Track-** in landscape architecture and urbanism.

This specialization is structured based on the **Standard Track – Architecture** program modules but will provide concentrated studies in landscape design and urbanism.

This specialization does not replace but modifies the current focus of the study.

The objective of these studies is to provide the students with an opportunity to gain theoretical knowledge, design skills and required competencies in landscape architecture and to enable work that focuses on landscape and spatial–urban transformation projects.

These areas of study include and consider: spatial conditions, site analysis and demographics, anthropology, small-scale outdoor structures, and design management particularly to landscape and urban projects at various urban scales and conditions; both public and private including green infrastructure revitalization projects.

This **Specialization Track** will promote critical and analytical thinking and research skills, required to develop the students ability to perform interdisciplinary research that **bridges architecture - landscape design - urban planning**.

This planned concentration of study does not replace the **Standard Track** of study modules (Master Thesis, Architecture studies, Internship and Business management) which ensures EU academic study requirements for local architecture certification but will in addition after three years of internship giving attention to landscape architecture. Graduates that complete this program and specialization will be qualified to apply for landscape architect certification and assume full responsibility for project design and management of landscape and urbanism projects.

This course of study is a logical continuation of the Bachelor level landscape architecture and urban planning courses introduced to students that may choose further studies at the Master's level that target landscape architecture and urbanism.

This Specialization Track - Landscape Architecture and Urbanism course of study is based on principles defined by the European Landscape Convention, Latvian Landscape Architect profession standards and other international standards.

SpecializationTrack Study Courses:

- History of ideas and theoretical approaches to landscape architecture
- Interdisciplinary debates on development and culture
- Mobility theory and practice of urbanism after 1945
- Internship - Designing, Research, Creativity/specialization Landscape Architecture and Urbanism
- Graduate Studio – Open space design
- Landscape Design and Planning regulation
- Design process and project management in landscape projects.
- Urban Anthropology
- Landscape heritage in a modern urban environment