Ba Landscape ARchitecture

LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

Course information for applicants

This information applies to the course as it will be delivered to students starting the course in 2027/28.
Information provided here was confirmed on 08/10/2026

General information

Programme code
BALAD

Target award
If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:
BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture & Design

Delivery mode
✓ On campus
☐ Distance learning

Where you will study
The majority of teaching will be at City campus but on occasion may be at Headingley campus.

Professional accreditation or recognition

Professional body
The Landscape Institute

Summary of the accreditation or recognition
The UG course is recognised by the Landscape Institute and upon successful completion, students are able to apply for the Postgraduate Diploma which provides full accreditation with the Landscape Institute

Awarding body
Leeds Beckett University

Regulator
Office for Students

Level of qualification
Level 6 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

Course duration

If you are made an offer of a place on the course, your offer letter will include the start date.

This course can be studied:
3 years full-time
6 years part-time

Part-time study

This course can be studied part-time.

If you study the course part-time, it will usually take twice as long to complete compared with the equivalent full-time course. The modules may be delivered in a different sequence than on the full-time course, but you will study the same modules at each academic level. With the agreement of the course team, you may be able to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration.

As a part-time student, you will not usually have the option of a work placement.

Entry requirements

Admissions criteria are available on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have previous relevant qualifications or experience, you could be exempt from certain parts of your course. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to start your course at a point appropriate to the learning and skills that you may have developed in a professional, vocational or community setting.

Find out more here: https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning
If you have questions about entry requirements and admissions, contact AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Course fees

Course fees and a breakdown of any additional costs is included on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have questions about fees for this course, contact Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Timetable

You will receive your full timetable for the year during induction week.

What you will study

Course aims

The aims of the course are to:
A critical understanding of the nature, scope and role of landscape architecture in a changing world.

A personal philosophy towards the design of landscape which recognises the interdependence of natural and human

systems and establishes values appropriate to the discipline.

An ability in the art and science of designing meaningful and enduring landscapes through appropriate analysis and sensitive, creative design solutions

An ability in a range of technical skills to achieve creative solutions to design-based issues

An ability to communicate ideas effectively to others, using visual, verbal and written media as appropriate.

An ability to work collaboratively and autonomously and reflect upon the process and outcomes.

An ability to reflect on their own learning and undertake effective personal, academic and career development planning.

Teaching and learning activities

Each module has specified contact days when students spend the whole day on one module and have direct contact with module staff. Modules are project-based, comprising an initial briefing, supplementary presentation(s) and field visit, as appropriate. The last of these are particularly valuable in inspiring students, as well as grounding their design ideas in real landscapes.

The course believes we learn by doing and seeing each other's work so our course is studio-based with some of the time spent at the Landscape Resource Centre (LRC). The LRC is unique feature amongst landscape architecture courses. Set within woodland at our Headingley Campus, the LRC is a classroom in a garden, giving us a base from which to teach about planting, construction, materials and sustainability first hand. There are also opportunities for involvement in practical projects at the LRC.

Design projects become progressively more challenging, culminating in the double module specialist design project at Level 6. Most modules are design-based but can include development of a portfolio on, for example, landscape materials. Students normally undertake independent research for their project with most design development taking place in the studio. Project work often requires students to work collaboratively as part of a group and the diversity of backgrounds that students bring to the course can enrich this.

Course structure

This information is correct for students progressing through the course within standard timescales. If you have to repeat study or take time out during your course, you may be taught alternative modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes.

The option modules listed may vary. Those listed here are likely to be offered in a typical year.

Level 4

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/teaching period
Histories and Theories 1	20	1
Materials and Ecologies 1	10	1
Design Projects 1	30	1

Histories and Theories 2	10	2
Materials and Ecologies 2	20	2
Design Projects 2	30	2
Total number of credits of compulsory modules:	120	

Level 5

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/teaching period
LA501 Landscape Studio: Resilient Rural Landscapes	20	1
LA502 Landscape Studio: Impacts of Design	20	1
LA503 Landscape Technology: Materials, Managements & Sustainability	20	1
LA504 Landscape Studio: City Landscapes: Nature Based Solutions	20	2
LA505 Landscape Studio: Creating Distinctive Places	20	2
LA506 Landscape Context: Culture and Theory	20	2
Total number of credits of compulsory modules:	120	

Level 6

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/teaching period
LA601 Landscape Studio: Design & Community 1: Engagement and Vision	20	1
LA602 Landscape Studio: Design & Community 2: Resolution and Detail	20	1
LA603 Landscape Context: Project Report	20	1
LA604-5 Landscape Studio: Landscape Futures: Placemaking	40	2
LA606 Professional Context: Professional Profile	20	2
Total number of credits of compulsory modules:	120	

Assessment and feedback

The balance of assessment may change depending on which option modules you choose.

Level 4

Level 4 is assessed entirely by coursework.

Level 5

Level 5 is assessed entirely by coursework.

Level 6

Level 6 is assessed entirely by coursework.

Workload

You can expect to spend a total of 100 hours learning per 10 credits.

Typically, a student on this course can expect to divide their time like this:

Overall workload	**Level 4**	**Level 5**	**Placement year (if chosen)**	**Level 6**
Teaching, learning and assessment	344 hours	305 hours	X hours	290 hours
Independent study	856 hours	895 hours	X hours	910 hours
Placement study	X hours	X hours	X hours	X hours