

# What can I do with a major in Landscape Architecture

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

### Description of Landscape Architecture

Georgia is one of the largest programs of landscape architecture in the United States, with the most diverse landscape architectural faculty anywhere. Small studio classes take advantage of the program's considerable resources with personalized instruction and guidance. Georgia provides landscape architectural education that is distinctively broad and adaptable to today's environmental concerns, the discipline of landscape architecture is both an art and a science, and includes the creation and management of environments that meet human needs and are ecologically sensitive. Whether practicing in urban settings or natural environments, the landscape architect's tools blend horticultural, engineering, and artistic skills with an understanding of natural processes and a sense of stewardship.

### Researching Job Titles and Careers

**O\*NET** <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

**Occupational Outlook Handbook** <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

**Georgia Career Information Center** <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

**Career Insider: Vault Guides** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

**Candid Career** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (View professionals speaking about their careers under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

### Possible Job Titles

Account Manager	Engineer	Planner
Assistance Maintenance Supervisor	Environmental Designer	Preserve Planner
Architect	Faculty/Administrator	Principal
Architectural Designer	Field Manager	Program Officer
Architectural Illustrator	Historic Preservation	Project Associate
CAD Designer	Landscape Architect	Project Manager
Community Garden Coordinator	Landscape Associate	Project Planner
Construction Foreman	Landscape Consultant	Researchers
Customer Service Representative	Landscape Designer	Sales Associate
Designer	Landscape Project Administrator	Site Planner
Developer	Management Trainee	Urban Designer
Draftsperson	Operations Manager	Urban Planner
Ecological Landscape Designer	Park Planner	Web Developer

### Possible Employers

AEcom	Craig Design Group	Hughes Good O'Leary & Ryan
Allgood Outdoors, Inc.	Dargan Landscape Architects	Hull Storey Gibson
AMEC, Inc.	Dix Lathrop and Associates	Innovative Landscape Design, Inc.
Andy's Nursery	DPR Associates, Inc.	Interiorscapes, Inc.
Anhold Associates	Ecoland, Inc.	Jackson Person & Associates, Inc.
Associated Engineering Consult	EDAW, Inc.	Jordan, Jones & Gouldine
Athens Landtrust	EDSA	JP Design Studio, LLC
AVID	Enterprise Community Partners	Kaiser Virgin Design
Bellwether Landscape Architects	Georgia Landscape	Koons Environmental Design
Boyce Design	Georgia Pacific	Land Design South
Breedlove Land Planning	Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin	Louisiana Pacific
Campbell Construction	GreenbergFarrow	Macy's, Inc.
Carol R. Johnson Associates	Harrison Design Associates	Mario Embarella LLC, Urban
Chatham Landscape Services	HBB Landscape Architecture	Agriculture, Inc.
Cline Design Associates, Inc.	Hodgsen and Douglas	Mark Robillard Architect
Color Burst Landscapes	Home Depot	Matthews and Associates

New Horizons Landscaping, LLC  
New York City Department of Parks  
and Recreation  
Paige Duke Landscape Architects  
Pike Nursery  
Planners & Engineers Collaborative  
Site Solutions  
Site Systems, Inc.

Stantec  
Steve Middendorf  
T. Lake Environmental Design  
The EDGE Group, Inc.  
The Last Detail\*  
The University of Georgia  
US Forestry Services  
Verdant Enterprises

Vocalocity  
Walt Disney Company  
WIDNER & ASSOCIATES  
Witkin Design Group  
Wood and Partners  
WRG Design

*To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at [www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/](http://www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/) and search for alumni on Linked In at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).*

## Campus Resources

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**College of Environment and Design Student Organizations-** <http://www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/organizations>

**Student Historic Preservation Organization**

**Georgia Students in Landscape Architecture**

**Sigma Pi Kappa (Honor Society for Students of Historic Preservation)**

**US Green Building Council Student UGA Chapter**

**Sustainability Focused Volunteer Opportunities-** <http://sustainability.uga.edu/>

**To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at-** <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

**Connect with your Career Consultant** <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

## Employment Websites

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### GENERAL:

**CareerSearch** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Research employers by location and/or industry)

**DAWGlink** [www.career.uga.edu/](http://www.career.uga.edu/) (login with your UGA MyID and password)

**GoinGlobal** (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

**Idealist** [www.idealist.org/](http://www.idealist.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

**USAJobs** [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/) (federal jobs)

### MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

**American Society of Landscape Architects-** <http://www.asla.org/ISGWeb.aspx?loadURL=joblin>

**Archinect-**<http://archinect.com/>

**The Environmental Careers Organization** - <http://www.eco.org/>

**Planetizen** - <http://www.planetizen.com/jobs>

Additionally, it is recommended to make a list of firms that you are interested in and check out their individual websites to identify open positions.

## Professional Information Resources

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**American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)-** <http://www.asla.org/>

**Urban Land Institute-** <http://www.uli.org>

**The Georgia Chapter, ASLA-** <http://gaasla.org/>

**Landscape Magazine Online-** <http://www.landscapeonline.com/>

**American Institute of Architects-** <http://www.aia.org/index.htm>

**American Planning Association-** <http://www.planning.org/>

**Environmental Design Research Association-** <http://www.edra.org/>

**Land8Lounge-** <http://land8lounge.com/>

**Trees Atlanta-**<http://www.treesatlanta.org/>

**The Land Lovers-** <http://www.thelandlovers.org/careers.asp>

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

## Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

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### Landscape Architect Projects

Landscape Architects are hired for a variety of projects from residential to commercial. Listed below are just a few of the projects that they can be involved in:

- School and college campus

- Corporate and commercial grounds
- Public gardens and arboreta
- Historic preservation and restoration
- Hotels, resorts, and golf courses
- Hospital and other facility sites
- Interior landscape
- Land planning
- Landscape art and earth sculpture
- Monument grounds
- Parks and recreation
- Land reclamation and rehabilitation
- Residential sites
- Security design
- Streetscapes and public spaces
- Therapeutic gardens
- Transportation corridors and facilities
- Urban and suburban design

### **Licensure**

Landscape architects who work outside of the federal government need a license. As of 2010, all 50 states required landscape architects to be licensed. Licensing is based on the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.), which is sponsored by the [Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards](#). Candidates can take the L.A.R.E. at different times of the year in two parts—three multiple-choice sections and two graphic response sections.

Applicants who want to take the exam usually need a degree from an accredited school and 1 to 4 years of work experience under the supervision of a licensed landscape architect, although standards vary by state. For those without an accredited landscape architecture degree, most states provide alternative paths to qualify to take the L.A.R.E., usually requiring more work experience.

Currently, 13 states require landscape architects to pass a state exam, in addition to the L.A.R.E., to satisfy registration requirements. State exams focus on laws, environmental regulations, plants, soils, climate, and other characteristics unique to the state.

Because requirements for licensure vary, landscape architects may find it difficult to transfer their registration from one state to another. Common requirements include graduating from an accredited program, serving 3 years of internship under the supervision of a registered landscape architect, and passing the L.A.R.E. By meeting national requirements, a landscape architect also can obtain certification from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. That certification can be useful in getting one state to accept a license from another state.

Landscape architects who work for the federal government do not have to be licensed. For federal government jobs, landscape architects should have a bachelor's or master's degree in landscape architecture.

\*Taken from Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Architecture-and-Engineering/Landscape-architects.htm>