

MASTER of ARTS in LANDSCAPE STUDIES



- Provides preparation for professionals in the planning, design, conservation, care, and study of residential designed landscapes – from small, intimate gardens to large private estates
- Graduates acquire the skills required for engaging in creative and innovative landscape design processes that express society’s aesthetic, philosophical, and practical relationships with the land and nature
- Curriculum draws upon other disciplines including horticulture and ecology; visual arts; cultural and literary studies; philosophy; history; and geography
- Students develop an understanding of landscape issues and explore landscape ideologies and strategies that will enable them to practice as creative and responsible professionals (MALS graduates are **not** eligible to sit for the landscape architecture licensure exam)
- Evening course in newly renovated Chatham Eastside facility including use of studio space, galleries and computer labs
- Full and part time schedules are available with rolling admission and program entry available throughout the year
- Tuition waivers for work in Chatham arboretum and graduate assistantships are available

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COLLEGE FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
 - Overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with less than a 3.0 who show extreme promise through other achievements may be granted admission.
 - Completed application form
 - Personal essay that describes your background and why you want to pursue graduate studies in landscape studies
 - Curriculum vita or resume
 - Samples of work that indicate the candidate's creativity in fine or literary arts
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - Official transcripts from each college/university attended
 - Payment of non-refundable \$45 application fee (waived if member of AIA or ASLA)
- Online application without fee:
<http://www.chatham.edu/admissions/apply.cfm>

CHATHAM UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN COMMUNICATION, HUMANITIES, AND DESIGN

- Master of Arts in Landscape Studies
- Master of Landscape Architecture
- Master of Interior Architecture
- Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- Master of Fine Arts in Film & Digital Technology

The Master of Arts in Landscape Studies (MALS) provides students who are interested in landscape design, natural resources conservation, and other related environmental fields with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to participate in developing a variety of outdoor places ranging from small private gardens to larger public parks. Students learn the skills required for engaging in the design and planning of various environmentally sustainable developments that aim at creating functionally useful, aesthetically pleasing, and socially livable open spaces. The curriculum draws upon other disciplines, including horticulture, ecology, design and visual arts, cultural and literary studies, behavioral sciences, philosophy, history, and geography to explore different perspectives on landscape. Emphasis across the curriculum provides the motivated student with wide opportunities to develop an understanding of ecological issues and examine both: landscape philosophies and environmental strategies that will enable him or her to be engaged as an intellectually creative environmental designer.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (46 CREDITS)

FIVE COURSES OF FOUNDATION STUDY

- Applied Design Studio: The Principles and Practice of Landscape Design (3)
- Graphic Communication (4)
- Plants and Design I (3)
- History of Landscape Design (3)
- Plant Identification: Trees and Shrubs (3)

FIVE COURSES OF ADVANCED STUDY

- Plants and Design II: Site Ecology and Ecological Design and Planning (3)
- Theory and Aesthetics of Landscape Design (3)
- Advanced Design Studio III: The Applications of Landscape Design (3)
- Graduate Research Methods in Landscape Studies (3)
- Master's Project (3)

FOUR COURSES OF ELECTIVES, SELECTED FROM:

- Foundation Design Studio: The Methods and Processes of Landscape Design (3)
- Plant Management (3)
- Historic Landscape Preservation (3)
- Ornamental Horticulture I (3)
- Ornamental Horticulture II (3)
- Diseases and Pests (3)
- Materials and Methods in Landscape Construction (3)
- Landscape Grading and Drainage (3)
- Other courses may be acceptable as electives upon permission of the director of landscape architecture program.

A TOTAL OF 6 CREDITS OF THESIS OR THESIS PROJECT ARE REQUIRED

