Master of Landscape Design & Development

- Innovative degree that trains professionals who can serve the green industry, the landscape construction industry, and the land development industry
- Interdisciplinary curriculum that includes courses in horticulture, soils, ecology, environmental sustainability, business management, landscape construction, landscape operation, and landscape design
- Students will develop an understanding of landscape construction administration, landscape contracting practices, environmental ethics and laws, plant materials & specifications, and scheduling the landscape development projects
- Students are required to specialize in one of the three tracks offered: Landscape Design/Build, Landscape Contracting & Operations, or Landscape Sciences & Management
- Students synthesize all the knowledge and skills they have gained in their capstone course, Landscape Development Collaboration Studio, which is jointly taught by a team of three specialists to represent the three different industries and reflects the critical path of tasks involved in the landscape development process
- MLD graduates are not eligible to sit for the landscape architecture licensure exam
- Evening courses in newly renovated Chatham Eastside facility including use of the design studios, reading room, exhibition gallery, 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 available
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 though 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 design & development
- Curriculum vita or resume
- Samples of work (portfolio) that indicate the candidate’s abilities and interest in one of the three specialized tracks
- Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional sources
- 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

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (48 CREDITS)

REQUIRED CORE COURSES
- BUS 574 Corporate Finance (3)
- LAR 508 Graphic Communications (3)
- LAR 516 Plant Identification (3)
- LAR 534 Soil Science (3)
- LAR 541 Elements of Design (3)
- LAR 570 Principles of Sustainability (3)
- LAR 665 Media IV. CAD (3)
- LAR 651 Construction II (3)
- LAR 682 Internship (2)
- MLD 501 Landscape Operation & Management
- MLD 601 Collaboration Studio (4)
- PWR 616 Technical Writing (3)

CONCENTRATIONS (12 credits to be selected within a student's specialized track)

Landscape Design/Build
- LAR 512 Media I (3)
- LNS 521 Planting Design (3)
- LAR 522 History of Landscape Architecture (3)
- LAR 542 Design II (3)
- LAR 650 Construction I (3)
- LAR 661 Seminar I (1)

Landscape Contracting & Operations
- BUS 571 Business Communications (2)
- BUS 608 Economics for Managers (2)
- LAR 650 Construction I (3)
- LAR 652 Construction III (4)
- LAR 660 Professional Practice (3)

Landscape Sciences & Management
- LAR 518 Native Plants (2)
- LAR 519 Environmental Planning & Management (3)
- LNS 521 Planting Design (3)
- LAR 655 Water in Natural Systems & Urban Environments (3)

CHATHAM GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN

- Master of Arts in Communications
- Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- Master of Fine Arts in Film & Digital Technology
- Master of Interior Architecture
- Master of Landscape Architecture
- Master of Landscape Design and Development