Master of Landscape Architecture

- The program offers both first professional and post-professional degrees
- The curriculum is focused, with diversified areas of learning including: Landscape Design & Planning, Landscape Construction & Implementation, Environmental Sciences & Ecology, History & Theory of Landscape Architecture, Landscape Graphic Communications & Visualization, and Research Methods & Techniques.
- Full-time faculty members are highly qualified landscape architects, and adjunct faculty are specialists experienced in their professional disciplines
- Diversified learning opportunities include professional internships, study abroad, field work and/or community service
- Students have the opportunity to apply accumulated knowledge of design, land planning, land management, construction, ecology, and natural science to actual urban, suburban, and rural sites in collaboration of architectural, urban planning, and civil engineering teams of professionals
- Students enjoy cross-registration agreements with nine other educational institutions in the city of Pittsburgh
- Class sizes are small, with individualized academic advising and flexible scheduling for part-time students
- Students have access to Chatham University’s arboretum, and tuition waivers are offered as an incentive to work there
- The Chatham Eastside facility is brand-new and includes a state-of-the-art computer lab, ample exhibition space, adequate parking, three LAR-designated studios, a well-organized reading and resource room, access to four smart lecture halls, a critique room, a student lounge, a cafeteria, and private work stations for each student
FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM OF STUDY (78 CREDITS)

PROTOTYPICAL COURSE SCHEDULE

YEAR 1
Fall
- Introduction to Landscape Architecture
- Media I: Landscape Graphic Communications
- Design I: Elements & Principles of Landscape Design
- Principles of Sustainability
- Plant Identification

Spring
- Media II: Digital Illustrative Graphics
- Design II: Site Design Process
- Environmental Planning and Management
- History of Landscape Architecture
- Elective

Summer
- Media III: Geographic Information Systems
- Native Plants

YEAR 2
Fall
- Construction I: Site Engineering
- Media IV: Digital Implementation Graphics
- Design III: Urban Design Studio
- Graduate Research Methods
- Elective

Spring
- Construction II: Landscape Construction Materials
- Design IV: Landscape Master Planning
- Professional Practice
- Seminar II: Landscape Architectural Policies
- Electives

Summer
- Seminar III Thesis Preparation

YEAR 3
Fall
- Thesis/Final Project
- Construction III: Landscape Construction Documents
- Electives

Spring
- Thesis/Final Project
- Elective

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AS POST-PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM
- 44 credits for those with a BLA or BSLA
- 65 credits for those with a BArch

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) 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 architecture
- 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 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