

Department of Landscape Architecture

Department Policies

DATE: March 9, 2011

SUBJECT: LA AOP 12.03 – BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MID-PERFORMANCE REVIEW

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Landscape Architecture Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (LA AOP) is to specify the department's mid-program review criteria.

REVIEW

This LA AOP will be reviewed every four years or whenever circumstances require an earlier review by the department's Performance Review committee, with recommendations for revision presented to the landscape architecture faculty.

POLICY

The Department of Landscape Architecture's undergraduate professional degree program is highly competitive and limited. All undergraduate landscape architecture (BLA) students will be subject to a mid-performance review.

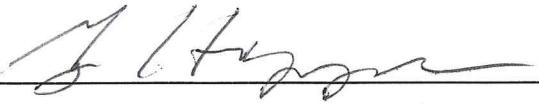
PROCEDURE

1. The BLA mid-performance review occurs after completing the third semester of the curriculum sequence. The mid-performance review criteria will include the following:
 - a. Student will submit a letter of interest (one-page minimum, two-page maximum), addressed to the landscape architecture faculty, that includes the following:
 - i. A description of your interest in landscape architecture
 - ii. A description of how the BLA program fits your educational and/or career goals
 - iii. A description of the academic and/or non-academic experiences that have prepared you to be successful in the department of landscape architecture
 - b. Student will complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or better:

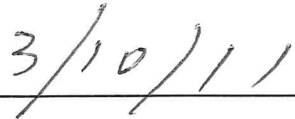
- i. LA 1153, LA 1223, LA 1333, LA 1423, LA 1533, LA 2344, and LA 2544
 - ii. ART 1123, PSS 2123, EN 1103, EN 1113
 - c. Student will submit a bound and digital Portfolio of their own work that demonstrates the breadth of their abilities for review. The bound portfolio will not exceed an area dimension of 11"x17". Depth (thickness) may vary. The digital portfolio will be submitted on a single DVD. The digital portfolio will include the materials from the bound portfolio, and other animation (AVI files) or video files. The portfolio will contain content from the following courses, at a minimum:
 - i. LA 1153
 - ii. LA 1223
 - iii. LA 1333
 - iv. LA 1423
 - v. LA 1533
 - vi. LA 2344
 - vii. LA 2544
2. Letter of Interest and Portfolio Review must demonstrate an understanding of minimum competencies representative of the courses listed in 1.c of this policy to continue in the BLA program. Students will not make an oral presentation of their portfolio.
3. Letter of Interest and Portfolio is due at 12:00 noon on the last day of classes in the fall semester. Submit Letter of Interest and Portfolio to Attn: Landscape Architecture Performance Review, Landscape Architecture Facility, Box 9725, Mississippi State, MS 39762.
4. Notice to students will be sent no later than January 3 of the following year.
5. Portfolio will not be returned to the student.
6. Students in landscape architecture who do not pass the performance review can reapply for the BLA program the following fall. It is highly recommended for students seeking to reapply that they address areas of deficiency prior to resubmission.

AUTHORIZATION

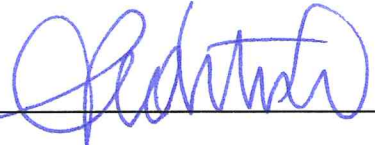
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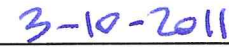
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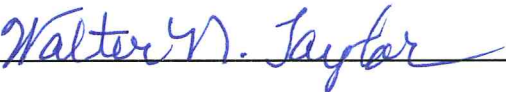


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Chair, College Curriculum Committee

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Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences



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