

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

Plan and design land areas for such projects as parks and other recreational facilities, airports, highways, hospitals, schools, land subdivisions, and commercial, industrial, and residential sites. Landscape architects design these areas so that they are not only functional, but also beautiful, and compatible with the natural environment. They plan the location of buildings, roads, and walkways, and the arrangement of flowers, shrubs, and trees. Throughout all phases of the planning and design, landscape architects consult with other professionals, such as civil engineers, hydrologists, or architects, involved in the project. UNM offers a Master of Landscape Architecture degree which “prepares students for the thoughtful design and planning of outdoor space for human use and enjoyment” (*from UNM Catalog 2007-2008*).

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

To gain entry into the field of landscape architecture, one must receive either a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree from an accredited school of architecture, gain experience through an internship with a registered landscape architect, and pass a licensing examination.

EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES:

Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

- Residential
- Public parks
- Playgrounds
- Golf courses
- Parkways
- Commercial
- Architecture firms
- Universities/Colleges
- Shopping centers
- Government
- Industrial parks
- Corporations
- Self-employment
- Design firms
- Street/highway beautification
- Waterfront improvement projects
- Regional planning
- Environmental impact
- Site construction.
- Environmental remediation
- Historic landscape preservation
- Restoration
- Park and recreation
- National parks and forests
- Restore degraded land
- Traffic-calming
- Airports

STATE AND NATIONAL WAGES (2006) for Landscape Architects:

	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
New Mexico	28,400	48,600	61,500	86,600	104,600
United States	34,200	42,700	55,100	73,200	95,400

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Society of Landscape Architects
 Association of Professional Landscape Designers
 Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards
 The University of New Mexico School of Architecture

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