

## MISSION

To prepare students for research and practice while focusing on the analysis, planning, design, and management of the natural and built environments of tropical and subtropical landscapes. Our goal is to educate individuals who can serve and lead the community in the enhancement of the quality of life through the aesthetic, meaningful, and sustainable design of the physical environment.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Students

90 Graduate Students

20 Lower Division

70 Upper Division

6% Black or African-American\*

64% Hispanic\*

7% Nonresident Alien\*

2% Two or More Races\*

20% White\*

1% Not Reported\*

### Faculty

14 Faculty

3 Full-Time

11 Adjunct

79% Hispanic/Latino\*

21% White\*

\*self-reported

## DEGREE PROGRAMS

Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) 5-yr, 3-yr, 2-yr tracks

Master of Arts in Urban Design (MAUD)

323 degrees conferred since 1989

## HIGHLIGHTS

**UNIQUE PEDAGOGICAL FOCUS** on tropical and subtropical design, planning, and management, with a curriculum extending to broader areas and regions.

**FEDERAL STEM DESIGNATION** provides extended Optional Practical Training (OPT) for international students and increased grant and scholarship access to our students and faculty.

**INTERN AS YOU LEARN** with a thoughtfully crafted schedule designed to bridge education and experience, leveraging leading design and planning firms located in South Florida.

**URBAN AND NATURAL EXPERIENCES** are integrated into student learning by utilizing Miami's vibrant urban environment and the rich natural landscapes of nearby national parks as learning labs.

**STUDY ABROAD** and **STUDIO ABROAD** programs in Italy, Spain, France, Mexico, Japan, The Caribbean, and beyond.

**LARGE** and **DIVERSE INSTITUTION** with a global focus on excellence and a multitude of opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and research.

**WORLD CLASS FACILITIES + RESOURCES** include the award-winning Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture Building, the Robotics and Digital Fabrication Lab, the Structures and Technology Lab, an Innovation Lab with maker spaces in Miami Beach, an interdisciplinary collaboration hub in Wynwood, the Lee Caplin Immersive Studio for Altered Reality (iStar), and FIU's Integrated Computer Augmented Virtual Environment (i-CAVE).

## VISION

Our program will be a national leader in landscape architecture education that emphasizes the preservation and transformation of the natural and cultural environments through local, regional and global engagement.

## RANKINGS

#16-22 School of Architecture - QS I WorldUniversity Rankings, Public Universities, North America; #2 in Florida (2022)

#14 DesignIntelligence Most Hired from Landscape Architecture Schools [70-99 graduates] (2019)

#1 Hispanics Top 100 Producers of Minority Graduate Degrees, Architecture + Related Services Diverse Issues in Higher Education I All Minorities (#1), African Americans (#5) (2019)

## SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Nationally/internationally recognized award-winning faculty:

ASLA Fellow (2023)

ASLA Community Service Award Recipient (2022)

CELA Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient (2022)

ASLA Award of Excellence in Research Recipient (2021)

LAF Innovation + Leadership Fellowship Recipient (2021)

Faculty serving at national leadership positions:

President Elect, President, Past-President, LAF (2021-2024)

VP of Education, ASLA (2021-2024)

VP of Leadership, LAF (2020-2021)

Treasurer, CELA (2019-2021)

VP of Research, LAF (2019-2020)

Grant funding from national organizations:

Environmental Protection Agency (2022 and 2024)

Landscape Architecture Foundation (2021 and 2024)

Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (2021 and 2023)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### GREENING SCHOOLYARDS

Faculty, students, and alumni collaborate with public K-12 schools in underrepresented communities to re-design schoolyards for better shade and ecological awareness.

### FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE

Faculty leaders mentor student teams in this nationally awarded interdisciplinary, environmental science PreK-12th grade student competition recognized as a benchmark for exceptional STEM education.

### DREAM IN GREEN SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Faculty and students mentor high school teams in a competition to explore sustainable design solutions for Miami.

### CEMETERY DESIGN

Faculty, student, and community collaboration for the ongoing management and preservation of the local historic cemetery grounds in the county.

### THE REAL ROSEWOOD FOUNDATION PROJECT

Faculty and student design team collaboration with descendants of this African American Florida community to commemorate its racially motivated destruction in 1923.