

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (HPLA)

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Architecture / Agriculture and Natural Resources

## abstract

The Dual Degree in Landscape Architecture and Historic Preservation emphasizes the connection between the studies of Historic Preservation and Landscape Architecture in the study and practice of cultural landscapes. Our program will prepare students for employment with longstanding programs in preservation and landscape architecture like the National Park's Service's Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) and the Cultural Landscape Foundation and other state and local parks facilities like the NPS Olmstead Plantation.

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## ADMISSIONS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

### PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- C/V Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdsupplementaryapplicationlarc.pdf>)
- Writing Sample

- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)
- Portfolio PDF Upload (optional)
- Must be admitted by both programs to pursue dual degree.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
<b>Domestic Applicants</b>	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	January 7, 2026
<b>International Applicants</b>	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas, E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	January 7, 2026

## RESOURCES AND LINKS:

### Program Website:

Historic Preservation: (<https://www.arch.umd.edu/hisp/degree/master-historic-preservation/>)[arch.umd.edu](https://www.arch.umd.edu/) (<https://www.arch.umd.edu/>)

Landscape Architecture: [larch.umd.edu](https://larch.umd.edu) (<https://larch.umd.edu/>)

**Application Process:** [gradschool.umd.edu/admissions](https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions) (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/>)

## REQUIREMENTS

- Historic Preservation and Landscape Architecture, Master of Historic Preservation and Master of Landscape Architecture (dual degree), (M.H.P. and M.L.A.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/historic-preservation-landscape-architecture-hpla/historic-preservation-landscape-architecture-mhp-mla/>)