

# PREPARATORY COURSE

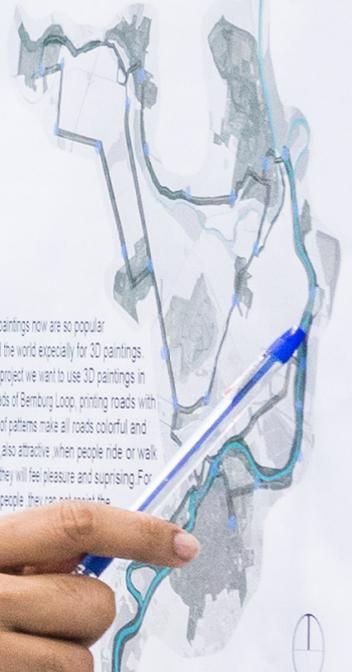
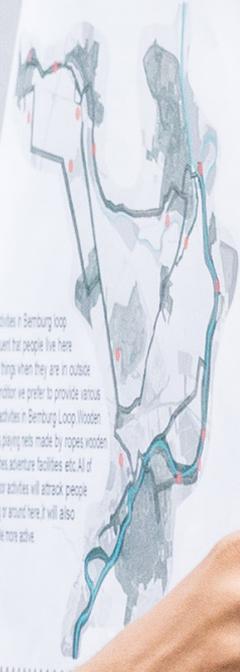
Master Landscape Architecture (MLA)



## Activities



## Road Paintings



Outdoor activities in Bemburg loop  
is important that people live here  
and to be things when they are in outside  
For this outdoor we prefer to provide various  
of outdoor activities in Bemburg Loop (wooden  
trails, playing nets made by ropes, wooden  
stands, rockers, adventure facilities etc.) All of  
those outdoor activities will attract people  
in Bemburg and around here. It will also  
make people more active.

Road paintings now are so popular  
around the world especially for 3D paintings.  
In this project we want to use 3D paintings in  
the roads of Bemburg Loop, printing roads with  
series of patterns make all roads colorful and  
active. Also attractive when people ride or walk  
there, they will feel pleasure and surprising. For  
young people they can not resist the



## WHAT IS A PREPARATORY COURSE?

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A preparatory course (Prep-course) consists of different conversion modules, which are offered especially for foreign applicants with a pre-study in architecture, urban and spatial planning as well as in related degree programs. It prepares those applicants for the study of Landscape Architecture (Master) at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences.

The aim of the pre- course is to prepare the participants professionally, methodically and linguistically for the upcoming study of Landscape Architecture (Master) at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences and to provide them with basic knowledge for various specialist modules. This enables the participants to start with the upcoming modules of the Master of Landscape Architecture and supports them in successfully completing the modules without any loss of time. Furthermore, it also ensures that students in the master class of Landscape Architecture can start at a high level in terms of subject matter, methodology and language.

## WHO NEEDS A PREP-COURSE?

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**According to § 1 of the examination and study regulations of the Master Landscape Architecture (MLA PSO) the pre- course is for matriculated students with a university degree in architecture, urban and spatial planning as well as in related degree programs.**

- Applicants with a first degree in the above mentioned fields must complete up to five online-based adaptation modules before the start of the regular studies.
- The conversion modules are selected in a case-by-case system on the basis of individual qualifications (your portfolio and module de-

scriptions of your previous university degree) as a result of the selection procedure of the master program.

- This selection then makes up an individual curriculum with up to 5 conversion modules.

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF A PREP-COURSE?

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**Even if the fields of study architecture, urban and spatial planning and other related degree programs have a certain professional relationship to landscape architecture, there are different professional and methodological requirements in many subjects.**

Studying a Master in a foreign country, in a foreign study system and in a foreign subject may not be so easy: cultural differences, a different style of science, a new field of study and the new language often form serious obstacles on the way to a quick and successful completion of your studies. This is where the preparation course helps:

- Through specific professional and linguistic preparation, the chances of success for foreign students in the master's degree program in landscape architecture are significantly improved.
- Participants can improve their English language skills as well as their technical and methodological competence through the pre- course even before they start their studies.

## FOR WHICH SUBJECTS ARE PREP-COURSES AVAILABLE?

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In the pre- course for the Master Landscape Architecture program the following conversion modules are available (see also MLA PSO appendix 4 and 5):

- C1 – History of Landscape Architecture
- C2 – Theory of Landscape Architecture
- C3 – Landscape Design
- C4 – Landscape Analysis
- C5 – Basics Design
- C6 – Communication Skills
- C7 – Basics of Planting Design
- C8 – Landscape Ecology
- C9 – Basics GIS for Landscape Architecture
- C10 – Basics CAD for Landscape Architects

## WHAT DO I LEARN IN THE PREP-COURSE?

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The pre- course is to prepare the participants professionally, methodically and linguistically for the upcoming study of Landscape Architecture (Master).

Participants expand and deepen key competences (acquired in an integrated way), including communication, organizational, methodological, documentation and presentation skills. Beside those generic competences participants gain subject related competences for the study of Landscape Architecture which are listed in the following section:

### C1 – History of Landscape Architecture

After successful completion of the module students:

- have a basic knowledge of the main historical manifestations of gardens, open spaces and open space systems.
- are able to recognize the relationship of social, economic, cultural, artistic, ecological and functional aspects of garden art history
- are able to create a reference to current development processes and theories in contemporary landscape architecture.

### C2 – Theory of Landscape Architecture

After successful completion of the module students:

- have a basic knowledge of the profession of landscape architect and environmental planner
- have acquired knowledge about career possibilities and professional framework conditions in a national and international context.
- have skills for efficient self-management of their studies.

### C3 – Landscape Design

After successful completion of the module students:

- develop basic competencies for design tasks for landscape design and design of open spaces
- develop an understanding of the difference between various design disciplines (Architecture, Industrial Design, Landscape Design, etc.) through course discussions
- get familiar with the specifics of landscape design and landscape perception.
- get to know the landscape components and elements and its interdependencies

- ability to evaluate the appropriate use of analysis and assessment approaches for decision making and concepting.

## **C4 – Landscape Analysis**

After successful completion of the module students gain a basically understanding and overview about professional and methodological competences for landscape analysis, e.g. computer-aided spatial analysis techniques, methods of landscape assessment, suitability analysis, visual assessment, cultural landscape character assessment, planning/design for landscape aspects of infrastructural projects, interpretation and management and/or conservation of cultural landscapes, master planning & green city development strategies, etc.

## **C5 – Basics Design**

After successful completion of the module students:

- will be familiar with creative processes, concepting, drawing and sketching for landscape architecture.
- know how to deal with proportion and different measurements or contours when drafting plots in 1:20, 1:50 and 1:100 sizes and in coloured creative forms.
- developed basic competencies for design tasks and the basics of cognitive and intuitive creativity
- will be familiar with the specifics of creative design processes through course discussion about different approaches in creative work between various design disciplines
- will be familiar with different approaches in design and planning methods for a creative design like various materials, structures, concepting methods and ways of expressing ideas, through course discussions and design exercises

- learn to draw manually and with pen and paper various forms of A3/A4 sketches and detailed drafts of 3D objects, for example walls, steps, constructions
- are introduced to the proper layout of master plans featuring color and shadows as well as on different materials such as transparencies.

## **C6 –Communication Skills**

After this course, students will know more words to speak and write about landscape architecture for professors as well as professionals. This weekly language class will look into English grammar and other parts of language. Besides reading and writing, all participants have to prepare classroom presentations and are given listening exercises for self-study. That for soft skills in oral and written communication will be taught and exercised and certain aspects of presentation and negotiation will be worked out. In the January/February weeks of term, students can have their publications proofread and corrected during studio sessions.

## **C7 – Basics of Planting Design**

After completion of this course, students:

will be knowledgeable about life spans, life forms, site conditions (especially climate zones) and strategies in population biology, which provides the groundwork for habitat conforming plant selection as well as for optimized maintenance techniques to be applied in later professional practice.

## **C8 –Landscape Ecology**

After successful completion of the module students:

- have developed an understanding of the basic landscape ecology components (climate, relief, soil, water, vegetation, man)
- know the main analytical, diagnostic and prognostic methods as well as the complex interdependencies of landscape ecology.

- In this context the students discuss the main environmental risks and pressures (e.g. soil erosion, soil contamination, flood, etc.).

## **C9 – Basics GIS for Landscape Architecture**

After successful completion of the module students:

- acquire basic understanding of EVAP- concept and an introduction of data acquiring techniques (e.g. GNNS, Remote Sensing).
- are able to assess the potential of spatial analysis in the context of landscape architecture and landscape planning.
- understanding and practice of the fundamental concepts of GIS and the major functionality

## **C10 – Basics CAD for Landscape Architects**

After successful completion of the module students:

- acquire basic understanding of CAD Design Process
- acquire fundamental concepts of CAD (2D) and the major functionalities and are able to draw plans and designs in the context of landscape architecture and landscape planning

## **WHEN AND HOW TO TAKE PART IN A PREP-COURSE?**

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### **Individual start after matriculation:**

The pre- course with up to five conversion modules starts individual after matriculation. Admission to the Master's degree program is granted on the condition that these modules are successfully completed before commencing the regular study program. The last date will be the first week of October in each year. In exceptional cases, an extension can be requested at the course administration.

### **Online based:**

The courses are offered online by Anhalt University of Applied Sciences and include various digital exercises or e-learning seminars in which participants can learn individually and location-independently in the corresponding modules and thus deepen their general and subject related competencies.

## **ARE THERE ANY EXAMS?**

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Depending on the module, the successful completion of the individual conversion modules takes the form of either a course work or an examination.

## **WHAT LANGUAGE SKILLS DO I NEED?**

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The pre- course with its conversion modules is in English. Knowledge of written and spoken English is a prerequisite. Proof of this knowledge has already been provided as part of the admission process.

## **WHICH EXPENSES DO I HAVE TO EXPECT?**

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The pre- course is integrated in the master program and is fully included in the tuition fee. There are no extra fees for that.

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