

**FORM J**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**INSTITUTIONAL PROCESS TO REQUEST ACADEMIC PROGRAM REDUCED ADMISSIONS,**  
**PROGRAM SUSPENSION, OR PROGRAM TERMINATION**  
**January 29, 2015**

Name of institution: Iowa State University  
Date submitted: Pending approval at Iowa State Univeristy  
Name of program: Master of Science in Landscape Architecture  
CIP Code: 04.0601  
College: College of Design  
Level:           B       \_\_\_\_\_       M         X         D       \_\_\_\_\_       FP       \_\_\_\_\_

Degree abbreviation (e.g., B.S., B.A., M.A., etc.): MSLA

Action requested: Reduced admissions       \_\_\_\_\_       Program suspension       \_\_\_\_\_       Program termination         X  

The request for admission reduction, program suspension, or program termination shall be reviewed in-depth by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts. With the recommendation for approval by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts, the request for admission reduction, program suspension, or program termination shall be submitted to the Board of Regents for discussion and action.

**The institution shall not communicate to the public its intended action to limit enrollment, suspend the program, or terminate the program until it is been approved by the Board of Regents.**

- Provide a brief description of the program.
- Provide a brief rationale for the requested action.
- Describe how students currently admitted to or eligible for admission to the program will be accommodated; what kind of transition period is planned; length of transition period.
- Describe the effect on costs of reducing enrollments or terminating the program, e.g., cost savings, resource reallocations, etc.
- Is program available elsewhere in the state? Identify the schools where the program is available and the current enrollment at those sites.
- Provide an annual analysis for a 5-year period of applications in the academic program; provide an annual analysis for a 5-year period of enrollments in the academic program.
- Provide an annual analysis for a 5-year period of graduations from the academic program.
- Is this intended to be a temporary or permanent change (applies only to reduced admissions)? If temporary, for how long?
- How will the reduction or termination affect workforce needs in the state? Be as specific as possible.
- What is the anticipated impact on other programs? Will students likely go elsewhere?
- What is the anticipated impact on minorities and women?
- Is a reduction in faculty, staff, facilities, etc. anticipated?
- Provide any other information that might be helpful to the Board of Regents in considering this request.

**Provide a brief description of the program.**

The Department of Landscape Architecture currently has two master degree programs: a Masters in Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree and a Masters in Science in Landscape Architecture (MSLA). The MSLA is a post-professional degree in landscape architecture, meaning that it is primarily provided for students who have a pre-existing professional degree (BLA, BArch, MArch) who are interested in completing a research-based masters in landscape architecture. It requires 36 credits of coursework and thesis work.

**Provide a brief rationale for the requested action.**

We are proposing to discontinue only the MSLA degree due to the lack of interest and enrollment. Expected interest from international students has been less than expected, as these students appear to desire an accredited and coursework based degree rather than a research-based degree. We also expected the program to appeal to local Iowa professionals who already had an accredited degree (usually a BLA from our undergraduate program) as an option for part-time or continuing graduate study while working in the Des Moines area. Although we've fielded a number of inquiries of this sort, few have matriculated. Changes in the economy may account for this, as landscape architecture tends to be driven by the economy.

**Describe how students currently admitted to or eligible for admission to the program will be accommodated; what kind of transition period is planned; length of transition period.**

There are no currently admitted students, nor are we recruiting students to this program.

**Describe the effect on costs of reducing enrollments or terminating the program, e.g., cost savings, resource reallocations, etc.**

There are no cost increases, decreases, or allocation changes because the degree existed in combination with the MLA degree. Any students interested in taking the MSLA degree would be directed to take the MLA degree.

**Is program available elsewhere in the state? Identify the schools where the program is available and the current enrollment at those sites.**

The program is not available elsewhere in the state.

**Provide an annual analysis for a 5-year period of applications in the academic program; provide an annual analysis for a 5-year period of enrollments in the academic program.**

<b>Total number of students in degree program</b>	<b>Fall 2012</b>	<b>Fall 2013</b>	<b>Fall 2014</b>	<b>Fall 2015</b>	<b>Fall 2016</b>
MSLA	2	0	0	0	0

**Provide an annual analysis for a 5-year period of graduations from the academic program.**

<b>Total number of students who graduated in degree program</b>	<b>Fall 2012</b>	<b>Fall 2013</b>	<b>Fall 2014</b>	<b>Fall 2015</b>	<b>Fall 2016</b>
MSLA	0	0	0	0	0

We have had two students enroll in this degree program since its inception, both international students. One student switched to the accredited MLA program after 3 semesters of study, and graduated from that program. The other student, also an

international student, could not maintain the required graduate 3.0 GPA and switched to a non-design masters program.

**Is this intended to be a temporary or permanent change (applies only to reduced admissions)? If temporary, for how long?**

This is a permanent change

**How will the reduction or termination affect workforce needs in the state? Be as specific as possible.**

The Department of Landscape Architecture offers a Masters in Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree. This degree is considered a terminal degree and students who get this degree would be eligible for the same workforce needs as the MSLA.

**What is the anticipated impact on other programs? Will students likely go elsewhere?**

Students will choose the Masters in Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree.

**What is the anticipated impact on minorities and women?**

None

**Is a reduction in faculty, staff, facilities, etc. anticipated?**

No, all graduate faculty in the Department of Landscape Architecture currently teach in the Masters in Landscape Architecture (MLA) degree.

**Provide any other information that might be helpful to the Board of Regents in considering this request.**

Voting Record:

<b>Voting Body</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Date of Vote</b>
Landscape Architecture Faculty	6	2	5	11-Oct-16
College of Design Academic Affairs Council	6	0	0	12-Oct-16
College of Design Faculty at large				
Graduate Council/Graduate Dean	8	0	0	27-Jan-17
Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee				
Faculty Senate				
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Council	8	0		29-Aug-17