

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board Report

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board met on February 23, 2013.

The LAAB made the following accreditation decisions:

Granted initial accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 31, 2018) to:

Temple University – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 31, 2018) to:

University of Texas at Austin – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

The LAAB thanks the following members of the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) who participated as visiting team members (team chairs in bold):

Temple University – **Tom Woodfin, ASLA**, Gene A. Merrell, and Jennifer Jones, FASLA

University of Texas at Austin – **Fran Beatty, ASLA**, Lake Douglas, ASLA and Michael Andrejasich

On the advice of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, LAAB revised its statement of scope to be more concise. The new scope is, “*first-professional programs in landscape architecture at the bachelor’s or master’s level in the United States and its territories.*”

Other items discussed at the meeting were the development of an online annual reporting process for accredited programs, developing a policy on public information from LAAB that inform the public on the basis for final decisions, and a more detailed policy on requiring accredited programs to provide reliable information on their performance to the public.

Currently, LAAB accredits at least one program at 69 institutions in the United States. There are 46 accredited MLA programs and 44 accredited undergraduate programs. In 1990 there were 37 undergraduate programs and 21 MLA programs (see chart below for growth of programs over time).

To review LAAB documents, the list of accredited programs or information on how to apply to the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE – the site visitor selection pool) visit the: [LAAB website](#). The following chart reflects growth of accredited programs over time with green representing undergraduate programs and red MLA programs.



