

UNIVERSAL DESIGN
(1986, R1994, R2000, R2001, R2010, R2022)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) believes that all people should have equitable access, independence, and inclusion in their surroundings. ASLA endorses Universal Design as an inclusive design approach, beyond Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) requirements, that enables equal use by all people, without separation or segregation of any users with varying degrees of disability or ability.

ASLA supports and encourages:

- Building an understanding in the community of the need to incorporate inclusive design concepts in all projects.
- Working with government agencies and allied professions to ensure the built environment is designed and maintained to meet the needs of people with disabilities in a fair, inclusive, and equitable way.
- Incorporating accessibility, inclusion, and Universal Design into landscape architectural curricula as a requirement for program accreditation and professional licensing and hiring professors and practitioners with disabilities.
- Continued research to enhance and refine the profession's body of knowledge, with high regard for input from all disability communities.