

## Master's Project Description

### *Definition*

As a culmination of study at the master's level, a student is required to develop an individually determined, semester-long design project. The project is an original work that contributes to the field and is relevant to the department's mission of providing leadership in the design and stewardship of the environment. In general a project will demonstrate originality and pertinence in its conception, competency in its execution, and credibility in its justification

### *Curriculum Structure*

The content of the project is flexible, with goals and objectives defined by the student under the direction of an advisory committee Chair. The six credit project will be executed in the third year spring studio: Masters Project (16: 550:538). The design project includes the examination of an issue relevant to landscape architecture, formulates potential solutions and produces a final design. While the project is an individual work the course is a collaborative effort with the expectation of student participation in all of its requirements.

### *Format*

The format of the project is flexible and determined by the student and the committee. A final booklet is required at the end of the project. The format for the booklet will be specified in class (16:550:538). There is no required length for the booklet as it will be evaluated on the depth of its content. The finished size of the project will be 8.5x11. The project will utilize research techniques learned in prior classes, applying findings to the design project. The final project regardless of its format must adhere to the Department of Landscape Architecture Archiving Procedure.

### *Advisory Committee*

The advisory committee will consist of three members. Two members, including the Chair, must be from the Department of Landscape Architecture. Additional member(s) from the New Brunswick Graduate School, another university, or an accomplished practitioner not within academia are encouraged.

### *Defense*

The student is expected to present their project in an oral session hosted by the Department and attended by the student's committee, classmates, and faculty. The presentation is 30 to 45 minutes long and the student should allow for at least 15 minutes of questions from the public after the presentation. The assignment of grades is ultimately the purview of the instructor, using the Department's guidelines. Project grades are assigned by the Committee Chair.