

PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

Programme Schedule

Diploma in Landscape Design

To be read in conjunction with the [Diploma Generic Regulations](#).

1. Programme Schedule

This Programme Schedule applies to:

- the Diploma in Landscape Design (DipLDes) (Level 5, Credits 240) and
- the exit qualification Certificate in Home Garden Design (Cert HGD).

2. Programme Specific Admission

To be admitted to this programme, all applicants must meet the requirements set out in the Diploma Generic Regulations. There are no additional programme-specific admission requirements.

3. Selection Criteria

When the number of eligible applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following selection criteria will be applied

- a. Visual, spatial and graphic ability;
- b. Strong academic background;
- c. Sound communication skills;
- d. A commitment to succeed in study;
- e. Appropriate work experience in the landscape industry.

These criteria are not ranked in any order. Applicants who meet the maximum number of listed criteria will be the preferred candidates.

4. Selection Process

Selection will be made by a subcommittee of the Programme Committee set up for the purpose and with the delegated authority of that committee to offer places to applicants

5. Selection Process Requirements for the Award of the Qualification

5.1 Diploma in Landscape Design

To be awarded the Diploma in Landscape Design (Level 5, 240 credits) a student must have successfully completed 240 credits from the courses listed in Table 1 including all compulsory courses.

Table 1: Courses for Diploma in Landscape Design

Compulsory courses are shown in **bold**.

Elective courses are shown in *italics*.

Level	Course No.	Course Name	Credits	Pre-requisites	Co-requisites
Level 4					
4	LAND4111	Design through Experience	15		
4	LAND4112	Design by Site	15	LAND4551, or LPSC4984	
4	LAND4115	Representation	15	-	
4	LAND4441	Plants and Context	15	-	
4	LAND4551	Site and Place	15	-	
4	LAND4552	Constructing the Garden	15		
Level 5					
5	LAND5118	Design and Culture	15	LAND4112 or PSC5982	
5	LAND5116	Representation in Digital Media	15	LPSC4986	
5	LAND5117	History and Theory	15	-	
5	LAND5444	Plants in Design	15	LAND4112 or LPSC5982 or LAND4441 or LPSC4975	
5	<i>LAND5000</i>	<i>Study Tour</i>	<i>15</i>	-	
5	<i>LAND5119</i>	<i>Design and Time</i>	<i>15</i>		
5	<i>LAND5442</i>	<i>Botany for Gardeners</i>	<i>15</i>		

Level	Course No.	Course Name	Credits	Pre-requisites	Co-requisites
5	LAND5443	<i>Plant Management</i>	15		
5	LAND5553	<i>Documentation</i>	15	LAND4552 or LPSC4974 or LAND5556	
5	LAND5554	<i>Project Implementation</i>	15		
5	LAND5555	<i>Business Management</i>	15		
5	LAND5556	<i>CAD</i>	15	LAND4552	
5	LAND5661	<i>Negotiated Study</i>	15		

5.2 Exit certificate

To be awarded the Certificate in Home Garden Design (Level 4, 60 credits) a student must have successfully completed 60 credits from the courses listed in Table 2 including all compulsory courses.

Table 2: Courses for Certificate in Home Garden Design

Compulsory courses are shown in **bold**.

Elective courses are shown in *italics*.

Level	Course No.	Course Name	Credits	Pre-requisites
Level 4				
4	LAND4441	Plants and Context	15	-
4	LAND4111	Design through Experience	15	LAND4115
4	<i>LAND4115</i>	<i>Representation</i>	15	-
4	<i>LAND4551</i>	<i>Site and Place</i>	15	-
Level 5				
5	<i>LAND5117</i>	<i>History and Theory</i>	15	-
5	<i>LAND5442</i>	<i>Botany for Gardeners</i>	15	
5	<i>LAND5443</i>	<i>Plants 3</i>	15	LAND5442or LPSC 4972

Other DipLDes courses are available on a case-by-case basis.

6. Credit Recognition and Exemptions

Specified and unspecified credit recognition will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the generic Diploma Regulations.

7. Assessment of Prior Learning

Assessment of Prior Learning is available for courses in this diploma.

8. Assessment

8.1 Assessment basis

Assessment is achievement based using an 11 point grading scheme.

8.2 Calculation of course grades

- a. Course grades are calculated by the mathematical aggregation of weighted assessments using the following conversion:

Table 3: Course Grades

Grade	Percentage	Result
A+	90 – 100	Pass
A	85 – 89	Pass
A-	80 – 84	Pass
B+	75 – 79	Pass
B	70 – 74	Pass
B-	65 – 69	Pass
C+	60 – 64	Pass
C	55 – 59	Pass
C-	50 – 54	Pass
D	40 – 49	Fail
E	0 - 39	Fail

- b. Students may be awarded one of the following grades for a course if they meet the criteria described:

Table 4: Grade Criteria

Grade	Meaning	Criteria
CR	Credit Recognition	The student has applied for and been awarded a credit recognition from another qualification
DEF	Deferred	The course result has been deferred
R	Restricted Pass	The student has been awarded a restricted pass subject to clause 8.3 of this schedule
W	Withdrawn	If a student withdraws from a course after the 10% date of the course is completed and up to or at the 75% date of the course. No credits earned.
DNC	Did Not Complete	A student has either withdrawn after the 75% date of the course has been taught or not attempted a compulsory item of assessment within a course. No Credits earned.

8.3 Restricted passes

- a. The Programme Committee may award a restricted pass in a course which was narrowly failed and where there is ample evidence that marginal failure is compensated by good overall performance.
- b. Except in exceptional circumstances restricted passes will not be awarded for compulsory courses.
- c. Except in exceptional circumstances no more than one restricted pass may be awarded to a student in this diploma.

8.4 Submission and late submissions

- a. Applications for an extension to the hand-in date of an assessment must be made to the Programme Leader on the official form at least 24 hours prior to the due date. Extension will only be granted under circumstances such as illness or bereavement for which the student can provide documented evidence.
- b. Work submitted late without approved extension will be subject to the following penalty:
 - Up to 24 hours late: Overall grade for the assessment event will be dropped one grade point.
 - From 2 to 7 days late: Overall grade for the assessment event will be dropped two grade points.
 - From 8-14 days late: Overall grade for the assessment event will be dropped four grade points.
 - No assignments will be accepted later than 2 weeks after the due date.
 - Note: When a late grade penalty drops the grade below 50%, a 5% reduction shall be applied in lieu of a grade point reduction.

8.5 Resits and re-submissions

- a. Students who receive a fail grade may be permitted to resubmit an assignment at the discretion of the Programme Committee.
- b. Resubmissions are not available for work that fails due to lateness.
- c. The maximum number of assessments which may be resubmitted within a course is limited to 50% of the total course marks, unless otherwise approved by the Programme Committee.
- d. Only one resit or resubmission is available for any assessment.
- e. The maximum possible grade for a resit or resubmission shall be C-.

8.6 Exemption of course work

Students who re-enrol in a course having previously withdrawn from that course may be credited with course work satisfactorily completed during their previous enrolment. Students must apply in writing, and re-enrol in the course in the subsequent 12 months (2 semesters). After this time, course work can only be carried forward at the discretion of the Programme Committee.

9. Transitional Arrangements and Modified Programmes of Study

9.1 Diploma in Landscape Design (1993-2002)

Students who successfully completed courses in the Diploma in Landscape Design between 1993 and 2002 inclusive will be granted credit recognition to the current Diploma structure as described in Table 5:

Table 5: Credit Recognition from the Diploma in Landscape Design (1993-2002)

Diploma in Landscape Design 1993-2002		Credit recognition gained in the Diploma in Landscape Design		
Level 4				
Design Concepts	LPSC4981	Design 1 Design 2	LAND4111 LAND4112	30
Landscape Construction1	LPSC4973	Construction 1	LAND4551	15
Landscape Construction 2	LPSC4974	Construction 2	LAND4552	15
Amenity Horticulture A	LPSC4971	Plants 1	LAND4441	15
Amenity Horticulture B	LPSC4972	Plants 2	LAND5442	15
Landscape Draughting	LPSC4984	Construction 1	LAND4551	15
Creative Exploration	LPSC4986	Representation 1	LAND4115	15
Plant Selection A	LPSC4971	Plants 1	LAND4441	15
Plant Selection B	LPSC4972	Plants 2	LAND5442	15
Composite Plant Selection A & B	LPSC4751	Plants 1	LAND4441	15
Level 5				
Design Studio	LPSC5983	Design 3 Design 4	LAND5118 LAND5119	30
Plant and Soil Science	LPSC5991	Plants 3	LAND5443	15
Advanced Amenity Horticulture	LPSC5997	Plants 4	LAND5444	15
Advanced Landscape Draughting	LPSC5981	Documentation	LAND5553	15
Drawing and Rendering	LPSC5986	Representation 2	LAND5116	15
Contract Management and Documentation	LPSC5993	Project Implementation	LAND5554	15
Plant Selection C	LPSC5997	Plants 4	LAND5444	15

9.2 Diploma in Landscape Design (2003-2009)

Students who successfully completed courses in the Diploma in Landscape Design between 2003 and 2008 inclusive will be granted credit recognition to the current Diploma structure as described in Table 6:

Table6: Credit Recognition from the Diploma in Landscape Design (2003-2008)

Diploma in Landscape Design 2003-2008		Credits recognition gained in the Diploma in Landscape Design		
Level 4				
Intro to Site Planning	LPSC4973	Construction 1	LAND4551	15
Plant Selection for Garden Design	LPSC4975	Plants 1	LAND4441	15
Garden Design A	LPSC4981	Design 1	LAND4111	15
Draughting for Plans	LPSC4984	Construction 1	LAND4551	15
Landscape Construction	LPSC4974	Construction 2	LAND4552	15
Graphic Communication A	LPSC4986	Representation 1	LAND4115	15

Diploma in Landscape Design 2003-2008		Credits recognition gained in the Diploma in Landscape Design		
Level 5				
Garden Design B	LPSC5982	Design 2or History and Theory	LAND4112 LAND5117	15 15
Garden Design C	LPSC5983	Design 3& 4	LAND5118&9	30
Plant Management	LPSC5991	Plants 3	LAND5443	15
Plants in Design	LPSC5998	Plants 4	LAND5444	15
Graphic Communication B	LPSC5986	Representation 2	LAND5116	15
Introduction to CAD	LPSC5985	CAD	LAND5553	15
Construction Draughting	LPSC5981	Documentation	LAND5553	15
Contract Management	LPSC5993	Project Implementation	LAND5554	15
Business Management	LPSC5475	Business Management	LAND5555	15
Negotiated Study	LPSC5996	Negotiated Study	LAND5661	15
Unspecified credit recognition at Level 5\				
Garden Management	LPSC5992			15
Native Plant Management	LPSC5474			15

10. Progress through the Diploma

Except in exceptional circumstances, no student may enrol for more than 60 credits in any one semester. Generic exclusion clauses apply.

11. Transitional Requirements

11.1 Restriction Table

Course Number	Has Restriction of Course
LAND4115	LAND5113
LAND5116	LAND5013
LAND5117	LAND5111

12. Commencement

These regulations came into force in Semester 1, 2015.