

**WEST VALLEY COLLEGE**  
**Course Outline**

**Department:** Architecture

**Course Number and Title:** ARCH 073 - Introduction to Landscape Architecture

**Length of course in weeks:** 16

**Units:** 3

**Total Class Hours/Week:** 3

**Lecture Hours/Week:** 3

**Grade Type:** Grade/Credit/No Credit

**Catalog Description:** This course is an introductory survey of landscape history, the landscape architectural profession, and the different processes involved from small-space design to regional planning. Other topics include tracing the development of early gardens to the contemporary scene and the overview of the profession and its component discipline.

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**Course Outcomes:** Student Learning Outcomes

**Outcome:** Students will be able to critically evaluate natural and human-made forms.

**Assessment:** Student evaluations of their own work and the work of others in the field.

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Identify different periods of garden design.
2. Analyze problems of past and present urban parks.
3. Apply landscape assessment and land use planning.
4. Apply the process of site analysis and interpretation.
5. Develop spatial definition in the landscape design process.
6. Explore aspects of landscape engineering as they relates to visual consideration.

**Assessment:** Students in this course will be graded base on the following four categories:

1. **Writing Assignments:** research reports
2. **Problem Solving Demonstrations:** quizzes and homework problems
3. **Skill Demonstrations:** class and exam performances
4. **Examinations:** multiple choice, true/false, and matching items

**Repeatability:** 1 time

**Methods of Instruction:** Lecture or Online

**Lecture Content:**

1. Orientation	10.00 %
2. The garden in history	10.00 %
3. Landscape and natural resources	10.00 %
4. Urban parks and recreation	10.00 %
5. Site analysis and planning	10.00 %
6. Landscape design	10.00 %
7. Social and Psychological factor	10.00 %
8. Climate	10.00 %
9. Landscape engineering	10.00 %
10. Trends and Related Disciplines	10.00 %

**Critical Thinking:** Analyze an existing landscape and identify its historical period.

**College Level Required Reading, Writing, and other Outside-of-Class Assignments:**

Over a 16 week presentation of the course, three hours per week are required for each unit of credit. Two hours of independent work done out of class are required for each hour of lecture. Outside of the regular class time the students in this class will be doing the following outside of class:

- **Study:** 2.00 additional hours
- **Problem solving activity or exercise:** 1.00 additional hour
- **Answer questions:** 1.00 additional hour
- **Required reading:** 2.00 additional hours

**Textbooks:**

1. Jellicoe Geoffrey, Jellicoe Susan. The Landscape of Man, Shaping the Environment from Prehistory to the Present Day. 3rd ed. Thames & Hudson, 1995. ISBN: 9780500278192
2. Motloch John. Introduction to Landscape Design. 2nd ed. Wiley and Sons Inc., 2000. ISBN: 9780471352914