

University of California, Berkeley – Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning
Prerequisites for LDARCH 252: Independent Research Preparatory Course
End of Spring Semester Deliverables Form

MLA 2D and MLA 3D students, for whom completion of a University Thesis or Professional Project Report is optional, must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above by the end of the Spring semester preceding their final year in order to enroll in LDARCH 252 and pursue the independent research option. Those students not meeting this bar are expected to pursue the Final Comprehensive Studio option.

MLA EP and Concurrent Degree students, who are required to pursue either the University Thesis or Professional Project Report option and hence are required to take LDARCH 252, must enroll in LDARCH 252 regardless of GPA. (Please see the LAEP Graduate Program Guide for circumstances under which Concurrent Degree students are not required to take LA 252 and complete a University Thesis.)

Student Name: _____ **Track:** _____

Joint Degree (if applicable): _____

Please circle which independent research option you intend to pursue (must be completed by student):

University Thesis **Professional Project Report**

Spring Semester deliverables [due: May 20, 2019]

The following deliverables must be completed by the end of the Spring semester preceding the final year. This form and the rest of the deliverables should be combined into a single composite PDF and submitted using the Google Form that will be provided. (*Note: Students not submitting these deliverables will be expected to pursue the Final Comprehensive Studio option.*)

1. **An abstract of approximately 500 words** detailing the proposed independent research project that has been presented to the potential committee members whose signatures appear below.

2A: For those pursuing a University Thesis: A written narrative that includes a description of the primary research topic, one primary research question, a list of key literature sources, the proposed study area, and a description of potential anticipated research methods and project deliverable(s).

2B: For those pursuing a Professional Project Report: A written narrative that includes a description of the primary research topic, a list of key literature sources and precedents, identification of potential client and study area, and a description of the potential outcome(s)/deliverables of project.

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3. A signature of commitment from the Committee Chair. Signatures of conditional agreement from the other committee members may be provided but are not required for this submittal. *(Note: in lieu of a signature on this form, a committee member may send the student an email stating their commitment. This email should be included in the composite PDF submitted to the Google Form.)*

For those pursuing a University Thesis: The committee is comprised of 3 UC Berkeley ladder-rank faculty, including 1 LAEP faculty as Chair, 1 LAEP faculty as Member, and 1 faculty from another department as Academic Senate Representative (ASR) Member. *(Notes: LAEP faculty holding joint appointments in another department may serve as the ASR. When necessary, and approved, the committee can consist of 3 LAEP faculty.)*

For those pursuing a Professional Project Report: The committee is comprised of 1 LAEP ladder-rank faculty as Chair, and 1 member who is a ladder-rank faculty in LAEP or a related department. If the student wants, a third member from outside the University community (generally a person involved in the project such as a client or professional) may also be included on the committee.

Note: The commitment of the committee signing below is contingent upon satisfactory completion of additional deliverables due August 15, 2019.

Signatures:

Student name (print)	Student Signature	Date

Committee Chair Commitment: (Required for May 20 submittal)

Committee Chair (print)	Committee Chair Signature	Date

Conditional Commitment of other committee members: (Optional for May 20 submittal)

Committee Member (print)	Committee Member Signature	Date

Committee Member (print)	Committee Member Signature	Date

Client/Professional Member (print)	Client/Professional Signature	Date