



THE GARDEN DESIGN DIPLOMA

PROSPECTUS







Course content in detail

TERM ONE

Term One will start with the delivery of foundation skills: drawing and visual communication techniques, design principles, the plant kingdom and hard materials before moving onto more detailed design with plants, and construction. Surveying will be taught as an introduction to the subject, working initially with two dimensions.

The programme works towards a design project aimed at producing an outline design solution to a given site and client brief. You will be introduced to CAD using Sketch Up in this term allowing you to explore this tool in the delivery of design concepts and initial ideas. We will also investigate the process of design and its development towards a successful solution.



Design: Tom Massey

TERM TWO

Term Two moves into the detail of design with projects and sites specifically selected to develop and refine planting and construction design awareness. The first part of the term is dedicated to planting design with design solutions detailed to produce planting plans and schedules.

The second half of the term is dedicated to construction design with the production of construction details in support of an overall design solution. Specifications in support of your design work will be introduced. Vectorworks will be taught in support of the move into greater design detail and surveying using levels will also be included.

TERM THREE

Term Three starts with a costing exercise based on one of your completed design projects, allowing a better understanding of actual costs, labour, skill requirements and budgetary planning to be developed.

You will also be required to locate a site for your large-scale design exercise that will form the main focus of design development over this term. The timetable also allows for more specialist garden design elements to be taught such as woodland and shelter planting, habitats, water, management and planning.

This term includes business and professional practice teaching in preparation for graduation looking at contracts, site management, fees and running your own business.

The year will end with a presentation of your work including your online design portfolio and final design project.

TUTORS AND LECTURERS

The Garden Design Diploma is led by Andrew Wilson and also takes advantage of the skills of the College's other Directors who teach regularly on the programme together with invited specialist lecturers and leading garden designers, landscapers and horticulturists such as Peter Thurman, Phillip Nixon, Jo Thompson and Adam Frost.

More details of our tutors can be found on our website www.lcgd.org.uk

Teaching is in both lecture and studio format and as the course progresses, specialist or specific interest lectures will support the main programme expanding the curriculum and introducing guest speakers.

If you would like to have an informal meeting with Andrew Wilson where you can find out more about the course contact us on info@lcmd.org.uk or call our office on 01483 762955.

For more information go to our website www.lcmd.org.uk



One-on-one studio training means plenty of tutor support



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2021–2022 COURSE DATES

Term dates for the academic year 2021/2022 are as follows.

Autumn Term

20 September 2021 – 15 December 2021

Reading Week: 25, 26 & 27 October 2021

Spring Term

10 January 2022 – 6 April 2022

Reading Week: 14, 15 & 16 February 2022

Summer Term

25 April 2022 – 13 July 2022

Reading Week: 30, 31 May 2022 & 1 June 2022

Graduation day 13 July 2022

Teaching is delivered between 10.15am and 4.15pm.

We normally break for lunch between 12.45 and 1.30pm and there will be informal coffee breaks in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Lectures are normally delivered by one tutor whilst other days are based on providing at least 1 tutor per 10 students for studio sessions, critiques and presentations according to the specialisms required at that point in the course.

Please see the Kew Gardens website at www.kew.org for details of garden opening times outside of normal College hours.

COME AND MEET US

It's important that you make the right decision when deciding on a course. We believe that you should get all the information you need and all your questions answered by us before you enroll. You are welcome to sit in on a class with our current students and ask them how they are progressing and how their study works for them. From experience we know that this will help you decide which course is best for you.

You are very welcome to come and meet Andrew Wilson who leads the Garden Design Diploma and also meet some of the professional tutors who will guide you in your new garden design career. We can also show you the great facilities that will be available to you. You'll get to hear at first hand how we deliver a master class every day and get a taste of some of the current issues involved with garden design.

The Garden Diploma Course starts in September of each academic year. If you are interested in enrolling and if you'd like to meet with Andrew Wilson, the lead tutor on the Garden Design Diploma, for an informal chat about the course then it is important that you arrange this early in the year as places can get booked up. If you are applying from overseas you will need to be eligible to study in the UK.



Design: Fisher Tomlin & Bowyer, Australian Garden Show Sydney 2013

ENROLLING ON THE GARDEN DESIGN DIPLOMA

If you would like to enrol on the One Year Garden Design Diploma we ask you to complete the application form and attend a short informal interview where you will get to meet the course leader, Andrew Wilson and discuss any additional questions you may have.

The application form takes only a few minutes to complete and helps us ensure that you will get the best from the course. Alternatively, if you are coming to the college from overseas we can arrange a telephone or video interview.

FEES

The fee for admission onto the Garden Design Diploma course starting in September 2021 is £12,995.00 including VAT plus a non-refundable administration fee of £150.00 payable at the time of application. A deposit of £1,500.00 is payable within seven days of an offer of a place being made. The balance of the fee is payable eight weeks prior to the start of the course.

We also offer an on-going series of professional level short courses and tutorials for which you can enrol online at our website. Remember that the 'info burst' seminars are free to all Garden Design Diploma students.

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