



LANDSCAPE CONTRACTING

where are you **GOING?**

landscape contracting

The Landscape Contracting industry is expanding and the need for individuals that possess the ability to design, build and maintain today's challenging landscape projects is great. The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture offers an accredited B.S. degree in Landscape Contracting to prepare students for careers in this growing industry. Students can choose courses to emphasize construction or management within the degree plan.

study options

Construction Area of Interest

Students emphasizing construction learn to design and install softscapes and hardscapes at small and large scale sites, including residential and commercial sites and sports facilities. Earthwork, grading, and drainage on sites and installation of irrigation, lighting, parking lots, retaining walls and plant materials are just a few of the activities that landscape construction professionals are involved in.

Management Area of Interest

Students emphasizing landscape management learn to manage existing landscapes including private, commercial and public areas. Managed sites include residential and commercial sites, golf courses and public facilities. They deal with maintenance of irrigation systems, walkways, lighting and other hardscape features. They also schedule and supervise landscape maintenance activities such as pruning, pest control, fertilization and a wide variety of other cultural practices.

student organizations

Many students participate in the OSU student chapter of the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET). Each spring, the PLANET parent organization sponsors

Student Career Days, during which students from across the United States participate in events that test their skills in various landscape contracting-associated topics. Students also have the opportunity to interact with industry professionals as they investigate employment opportunities. OSU's PLANET student chapter regularly participates in Student Career Days. In addition to PLANET, students can participate in Pi Alpha Xi, an honorary society for floriculture, ornamental and landscape horticulture students.

personal attention

Landscape Contracting students work closely with faculty in Landscape Architecture and Horticulture. The faculty welcomes student interaction and generally maintains an open-door policy when they are in their offices. Class sizes within the Landscape Contracting major provide students with the personal attention necessary to excel in the creative as well as the scientific components of the program.

scholarships

OSU awards a total of over \$15 million in scholarships annually from university, college, department and professional sources. The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture awards more than \$43,000 annually to its qualified students.

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Landscape Contracting Alumni Profile:

Name:

Jason Snider
Portland, Ore.

Current Occupation:

Commercial Production Project Manager

Jason's Story:

What could be better than having the opportunity to work outside and to be creative at the same time? Jason Snider doesn't think it gets any better than that.

He found the perfect combination of his two interests as a Commercial Production Project Manager for Dennis' Seven Dees Landscaping in Portland, Ore. Jason still likes to "get dirty," but because the Landscape Contracting industry is so broad, Jason says he must be able to perform many different functions.

Theory, knowledge and practical skills in the areas of horticulture, landscape construction, and small-scale design are essential to a Landscape Contractor.

"Our young industry has opportunity in the fact that you seldom do the same thing often."

- Jason Snider
CASNR Graduate

Jason knows first hand that possessing a wide range of knowledge is important. Each day, he works closely with contract administrators from the beginning stages of a project through close-out processes to continued project maintenance. Some of his responsibilities include managing material buyouts, coordinating schedules, and organizing labor and equipment needs.

"We are diverse in what we do," said Jason. "It's never boring being the 'jack of all trades'."

Jason recommends that students interested in a career in Landscape Contracting get an understanding of the equipment and tools of the trade.

"Get out in the field and get dirty," Jason said. "Learn the importance of irrigation layout and hydraulics. Know the importance of site preparation to aid in production. Learn and know how safety concerns your trade."

If you like working outside and being creative and you enjoy variety, you might want to dig into a career in Landscape Contracting.

which PATH are you taking?

Careers for Landscape Contracting Graduates:

- Manager of Grounds Maintenance
- Landscape Manager
- Assistant Superintendent
- Project Manager
- Superintendent of Parks
- Sales
- Landscape Coordinator
- Arboriculture
- Irrigation Design and Installation

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Enrollment:

- 45 Students

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- Management

Student Organizations:

- Professional Landcare Network (PLANET)
- Pi Alpha Xi

Competition:

- The national PLANET hosts Student Career Days in which students from across the U.S. participate in events that test their skills in various landscape contracting associated topics.

Technology:

- The program offers a 24-hour computer lab equipped with plotters, printers and scanners.

International Travel:

- Japan
- Peru
- Denmark
- Greece
- Germany
- Holland

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