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### MA Architecture Prospectus 2019

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### What will you study?

During the two-year course you will develop as an architectural designer and thinker and move towards the ability to engage architectural practice as an independent and inventive practitioner. You will acquire the knowledge to extend your communication skills and gain expertise in contemporary architectural fields. You will further improve the understanding acquired during your first degree, learning by doing also through visual inspection and didactical sites. Finally, you will apply your critical and analytical skills to produce substantial projects and written research in any of the areas covered in, and relevant to, the course.

### Examples of modules


### Assessment

- Design assessment and portfolio, reports and seminars, case studies, interior and exhibition projects, group field trip, dissertation.

### Postgraduate opportunities

MA students are highly qualified to hold important positions in both national and international agencies. They can work in public institutions, private practices and public companies in the fields of construction and urban and regional planning. MA is a prerequisite to take the Italian State Exam to qualify as licensed architects.

**Iuav Career Service** helps postgraduates to find the most suitable opportunities for internships and land future jobs, both in Italy and abroad.

### Key features

- You will gain a comprehensive knowledge of architectural fields and specific language skills to enter and contribute to global architectural practice and architectural discourse worldwide.
- You will become a professional within the specialist fields of historic building conservation and landscape conservation.
- You will be encouraged to be an architect with an informed sense of social responsibility and ethics in relation to landscape conservation.
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### Organization & Contents

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**Places available:** 60

**Level:** master’s degree

**Credits:** 120

**Duration:** 24-month programme

**Degree code:** LM-11 Architecture and Engineering Construction – Architecture

**Entry requirements:** BA degree in architecture, assessment of portfolio of work and interview for selected applicants, certificate confirming the knowledge of English language (minimum level accepted: B2, minimum scores accepted: IELTS 5.5-6.5, Cambridge FCE, TOEFL 80-100, Trinity ISE II, TOEIC 750-800).

**Why Iuav University**

Iuav has long been recognised as one of the best design and art Schools in Europe and across the world. It is the only university in Italy to provide thorough education and training in architecture, urban planning, design, visual arts, theatre and fashion. It is deep-rooted in tradition but truly committed to innovation. Its workshops give students the opportunity to interact with high-profile teachers and world-leading professionals.

**Iuav is an international university** that offers courses and internships both in Italy and abroad and encourages student exchanges. It teaches the knowledge, skills and expertise to ensure successful entry into the world’s job market. It is a widely recognised school of excellence in an unparalleled city – Venice – famous for its beauty, culture and lifestyle.

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Sustainable Property Investment and Valuation
Real estate appraisal 4 credits
prof. Sergio Copiello

Theory of the city
Urban and landscape planning 6 credits
prof. Maria Chiara Tosi

2nd semester
WINTER/SPRING 2020
28 credits + 4 credits internship
The second semester focuses on interior design, with a distinct attention to building innovation. The two theoretical courses aim at developing specific topics that are also central to the programme of the integrated design lab, such as:

• exploring the ever-evolving potential of contemporary drawing through a careful survey of both its traditional and contemporary forms;
• the history of contemporary architecture made in Italy as related to design, calculation and structural design in seismic areas, structural consolidation, etc.

The courses provide advanced theoretical knowledge in the fields of:
• architectural history as related to design, projecting and planning
• theories of contemporary architecture.

Integrated Design Lab focus 3
Regeneration and Conservation of Historic Buildings and Environments
18 credits
Architectural and Urban design 6 credits
prof. Fernando De Maio
Architectural restoration 6 credits
prof. Emanuela Sorbo
Structural engineering 6 credits
prof. Salvatore Russo

Heritage and Project
Architectural history 6 credits
prof. Vitale Zanchettin

Analysis and Theory of Architecture
Architectural and urban design 6 credits
prof. Valeria Paolo Mosco

4th semester
WINTER/SPRING 2020/21
22 cfu + 8 cfu chosen by the students

In the last semester, students are tutored to complete their final thesis. The Research Lab provides appropriate methodology to work at the thesis project through research on architectural and urban design and by using the most updated multimedia tools and applications. It also offers a seminar on the field-specific languages of architecture, urban planning and design and on writing in academic English. The courses aim at:
• focusing on the themes related to urban theories and the issues of political and applied economics as related to settlement/urban phenomena
• focusing on the topics of one’s master’s degree thesis
• planning and writing the thesis.
Research Lab *
Visual and Narrative towards the Thesis Project
12 credits + 6 credits for the final thesis, which is co-tutored by a luav professor and an external tutor
Architectural and urban design 4 credits
eminent visiting professor
Drawing 4 credits
guest lectures
English Literature 4 credits
prof. Elisa Buzzotto

* As an alternative to the Research Lab, students can choose an Erasmus-exchange programme of 12 credits (three months in a university abroad as research time) + 6 credits for the final thesis, which is co-tutored by a luav professor and an external tutor.

City Dynamics and Economics
Applied economics
4 credits
prof. Margherita Turvani
chosen by the student (cfu D/F) 8 credits
Fees and scholarships
Fees are based on income, merit and the student’s personal situation. Scholarships and other funding opportunities are granted each year. High-achieving international candidates have the chance to apply for the “Study@Iuav” programme that offers 6 scholarships and 30 tuition fee waivers. Iuav welcomes students with disabilities and ensures them an accessible learning environment.

Didactic Facilities, Equipment and Labs
Iuav students can take advantage of innovative didactic facilities and a highly-equipped innovative system of laboratories managed by specialists and experts and also available to the extramural community. Iuav labs carry out scientific and professional research on such fields as the study of materials for architecture and industrial design, cartography, photogrammetrical surveying, physical environmental technology, fundamental principles of building science, low-energy design strategies, analysis of ancient materials, conservation of building materials, earth science, multimedia technologies and photography. All labs are also accessible through training and specialised seminars delivered during the academic year.

The Library
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