studying Urban Planning for Transition

MS Degree programme
Course leader: Francesco Musco

Why Iuav University
This university, Iuav di Venezia, is long been recognised as one of the best Urban Planning Schools in Europe and across the world. The only university in Italy to provide thorough education and training in urban planning, architecture, design, visual arts, theatre and fashion, Iuav combines a renowned tradition with a strong commitment to permanent innovation. Thanks to a unique workshop format, students have the opportunity to interact daily with world-level professors and professionals.

Iuav is strategically and conveniently located in the heart of Venice historical centre, which greatly benefits students in terms of cultural and sport opportunities. Well-known scholars and professionals who have taught at Iuav include Edward James Blakely, Manuel Castells, Saskia Sassen, Luca Mercalli, Oriol Nel-Lo, Fred Bauman, Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos, Loren Landau, Raquel Rolnik, Serena Vicari, Jean-Bernard Auby, Alberto Montaña Raúl Letelier, Miguel Beltrán, Wang Lan, Zhang Long JLAN, Francesc Muñoz, Ombretta Romice.

Studying Urban Planning in Venice means entering the tradition of the first school in Italy that established a master's degree programme in this field, in 1970. Today's world demands a greater awareness of environmental and social issues, with a primary focus on urban resilience.

Iuav MS programme in Urban Planning for Transition offers a new vision of urban transition and innovation that considers cities and cultural heritage as common goods to be preserved despite the global change.

Students can explore both theoretical and practical aspects thanks to the collaboration with local and international organisations, to investigate new challenges related to sustainability, climate change, urban metabolism, disaster recovery planning and post-disaster rebuilding.

Students can also spend an international mobility period in one of the many partner universities in Europe, thanks to the Erasmus+ scholarship programme. Double degree opportunities are also available: by studying 2/3 semesters in a partner university, students can obtain a double degree issued both by Iuav and by the partner university. Partner universities for the double degree programmes are Tongji University (Shanghai - China) and University of Reims-Champagne Ardenne (Reims - France).
Careers
Graduates can work as designers and managers of urban, environmental, territorial and social planning at all levels; designers of sectoral, experimental, and strategic plans; designers of public policies and ICT experts.
The Job Placement Office supports students and newly graduates in finding traineeships opportunities in Italy and abroad, by providing information, advice and by organising events to get started with job hunting in the Italian and/or global job market. Graduates can take a state exam and license as a planner according to Italian law.

Entry requirements
A bachelor’s degree in one of the main subjects related to the programme (urban planning, architecture, engineering, sociology and social sciences, geography, economics, political science and environmental science).
Applications from other backgrounds will be assessed case by case and subject to the teaching committee’s approval.
A presentation letter detailing experiences, projects and activities carried out during the applicants’ previous studies and career.
A B1 (or equivalent) proficiency level in English is also required.

courses
1st year
Circular city studio
Circular dynamics (6 credits)
Circular spatial planning (6 credits)
Circular design (3 credits)

Spatial planning for climate change
Climate urban policies (6 credits)
Urban planning for climate adaptation (6 credits)
Stormwater management (3 credits)

Theoretical courses
Digital cities and urban planning (6 credits)
Ecology for urban resilience (6 credits)
Global environment and city law (6 credits)
Heritage and landscape in planning for resilience (6 credits)
Policy design (6 credits)
Urbanization theories and planning practices (6 credits)

2nd year
Disaster planning and post disaster rebuilding studio
Recovery planning and emergency (6 credits)
Spatial planning for risk reduction (6 credits)
Risk assessment for built environment (3 credits)

An introduction to maritime spatial planning
Module 1 (4 credits)
Module 2 (4 credits)
Module 3 (4 credits)
Theoretical courses

Economics for the ecological transition (6 credits)
Geology for natural hazards management (6 credits)
English for urban planning (3 credits)
History of contemporary architecture and city (6 credits)

8 credits from courses chosen by the student

Internship (8 credits)

6 credits for the final thesis

available places
EU and EU-equated applicants: open
non-EU candidates residing abroad: 25 places

Department of Architecture and Arts

annual fees
2.800,00 euros divided in 3 instalments
income or merit based scholarships are available

To learn more about the MS at Università Iuav di Venezia
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Student recruitment and orientation
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