



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
ARCH-492	Visualising Urbanity	4
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Architecture	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Architecture	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Eleonore Zippelius	4 th
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face to face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Develop a critical visual research practice, which makes use of lens-based media and mappings as visual tools for research.
- Develop an understanding of research, which connects students' creative visual practice to other methods of research.
- Extend the discourse around the conceptualization of urban space through visions of city living.
- Raise students' awareness of the relationship between urban space, urban life and human behavior/use.
- Introduce the methodologies of public life studies and case study analysis to support a critical research practice.
- Showcase various cases of public open spaces that encourage public life.
- Augment aesthetic and critical faculties, which enable students to position their creative work imaginatively, appropriately and responsibly within public spaces.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate a creative approach to research that is informed by visual practice and public life studies.
2. Demonstrate a critical awareness of visual representation, sense of human scale and life connected to the urban environment.
3. Analyze and assess an existing public space using appropriate methodologies.

4. Formulate a new vision and innovative strategies by analyzing, evaluating and applying appropriate best practice case studies.
5. Develop research, planning, execution and visual presentation skills necessary for a creative work that can stand on its own.
6. Apply knowledge and skills gained on the course to visual and conceptual problem solving issues within their architectural analysis and design.

Course Content:

- Urban space and urban life.
- Use and design of public open space.
- Relationship between human behavior and public open space.
- Research methodologies
 - Public life studies.
 - Lens based research methodologies.
 - Case study research.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, discussions with class participation, assignments, team work, peer reviews, desc-crits, pin ups, workshop.

Assessment Methods:

Project 1 public life study (mid-term), Project 2 case study analysis (final), Attendance & participation

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
How to study public life	Gehl, Jan, Svarre, Brigitte	Island Press	2013	1610914236

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Cities for people	Gehl, Jan	Island Press	2010	159726573X
Life between buildings: using public space	Gehl, Jan	Island Press, 6 th edition	2011	1597268275

Public spaces – public life	Gehl, Jan	The Danish Architectural Press	2004	8774073052
The social life of small urban spaces	Whyte, William H.	Project for Public Spaces	2001	097063241X