

COURSE DETAIL

URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies Geography

UCEAP Course Number

185

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. The student is expected to master the urban transformations in Europe in the 19th century. In particular, the student is expected to: learn theories and methods for reading and planning the historic cities and cultural landscapes; understand about the preservation of the historic cities as an asset for cultural and economic development; understand how the historic cities and landscapes can be objects of interest for cultural institutions.

This course explores the conservation and regeneration of urban heritage within a broader urban and planning framework. It focuses on two interrelated thematic axes:

- The recognition of historic cities and settlements as cultural heritage, where conservation and revitalization have gained global relevance in planning and development agendas. These heritage assets increasingly serve as catalysts for cultural tourism, the creative economy, and related activities.
- The reciprocal relationship between urban heritage conservation and regeneration, and the role of cultural institutions and practices as key drivers of community-based and sustainable development.

The examination of these themes offers a platform for critical reflection on the evolving definitions of heritage and value, and the implications of these shifts for conservation planning. These planning approaches—adopted by national and local governments and supported by international agencies—are critically assessed in light of the growing demand for a holistic, integrated understanding of heritage, particularly in response to environmental change. In addition to establishing a solid theoretical foundation, the course provides an overview of prevailing methods and tools in conservation planning. These are contextualized through relevant case studies drawn from Italy and other international settings. Key topics will be addressed through lectures and seminars, including: Urban Planning and Heritage Conservation; The "Patrimonialisation" of the Historic City; The Landscape Approach in Urban and Territorial Planning; Urban Heritage and

Sustainable Development; International Frameworks for Urban Conservation; Methods of Value Assessment; Public Engagement and Participatory Planning; Urban Heritage in Contexts of Crisis; and Culture as a Driver of Urban Regeneration.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

B5671

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Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

LM in INNOVATION AND ORGANIZATION OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Host Institution Department

MANAGEMENT

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